

November 16, 2022

VIA EMAIL

Past Interveners of Record
(per attached list)

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**Re: Manitoba Hydro 2023/24 and 2024/25 General Rate Application
Applications for Intervener Status and Pre-Hearing Conference**

On November 15, 2022, Manitoba Hydro filed its 2023/24 and 2024/25 General Rate Application with the Public Utilities Board (“Board”). The application may be downloaded from the utility’s website at the following link:

https://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/electric/gra_2023_2025/

Among other things, Manitoba Hydro’s general rate application seeks the following rate increases:

- Finalize the existing 3.6% interim increase approved as of January 1, 2022;
- A further 3.5% increase effective September 1, 2023; and
- A further 3.5% increase effective April 1, 2024.

The Board has established the following preliminary process with respect to the general rate application:

1. Applications for Intervener Status

Applications for intervener status **are due on Thursday, November 24, 2022**. Such applications must be filed in accordance with the Board’s *Rules of Practice and*

Procedure, using the Intervener Application Form approved by the Board. The documents may be downloaded from the Board's website at the following link:

<http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/about-pub/rules-of-practice-and-procedure.html>

2. Intervener Budgets

Because the scope of the hearing and the scope of approved interventions has not yet been established, the Board does not require budgets from applicants for intervener status at this time. The Board invites applicants to speak to the timing of budget submissions at the pre-hearing conference to be held by the Board (see Item 3 below).

3. Pre-Hearing Conference

The Board plans to hold a pre-hearing conference at the following date, time and location:

Date: Monday, December 5, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Location: Public Utilities Board
4th Floor, Newport Centre
330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4**

The purpose of the pre-hearing conference is to address any of the following matters, as may be relevant:

- Applications for intervener status
- Hearing timetable
- Scope of the hearing
- Claims for commercially sensitive information under Rule 13 of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure*

At the pre-hearing conference, Manitoba Hydro, its legal counsel or its technical experts are invited to make a 20-minute non-evidentiary oral presentation highlighting the key aspects of the general rate application, the issues raised by the application, and the scope of those issues.

The Board will also accommodate a 20-minute oral presentation by each prospective intervener, their legal counsel or their technical experts. As part of their presentations, the Board expects potential interveners or their representatives to provide the Board with answers to the following questions to the extent they are in a position to do so:

- a) How has the prospective intervener engaged stakeholders in support of their intervention?

- b) How, and on what issues, is the prospective intervener planning to collaborate with other prospective interveners?
- c) What is the prospective intervener's initial position with respect to Manitoba Hydro's general rate application?
- d) What aspects of Manitoba Hydro's general rate application does the prospective intervener agree with, and why?
- e) What aspects of Manitoba Hydro's general rate application does the prospective intervener disagree with, and why?
- f) On what issues does the prospective intervener plan to provide expert evidence, and why?
- g) How many rounds of information requests of Manitoba Hydro are requested in light of the minimum filing requirements (MFR) provided by Manitoba Hydro? How many first-round information requests (including sub-parts) does the prospective intervener estimate it will ask?
- h) What topics does the prospective intervener consider to be issues for the general rate application, and why?
- i) What submissions, if, any, does the proposed intervener have on the hearing schedule for the general rate application?

Following all of the presentations, should Manitoba Hydro, or any prospective intervener, want to ask questions about the scope of any intervener's participation, the Board may permit such questioning, but only if it assists the Board in determining the appropriate scope of the hearing.

If any applicant for intervener status plans to attend the pre-hearing conference by videoconferencing, they are asked to advise the Board accordingly by **November 30, 2022**.

Regards,



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Associate Secretary

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cc: Bob Peters and Sven Hombach, Board Counsel