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March 12 , 2015

Mr. D. Christle
Secretary and Executive Director
Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Avenue
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Dear Mr. Christle:

RE: Manitoba Hydro 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application – Round I Information Requests

As noted in Manitoba Hydro's correspondence of February 23, 2015 and February 25, 2015, the first round requests for information ("IRs"), including all sub-parts, totalled 1,342. In previous GRAs, Manitoba Hydro has been afforded four weeks to file responses to first round IRs. Manitoba Hydro has repeatedly cautioned that if it received a similar number of first round IRs as compared to the previous GRA, three weeks would be an insufficient amount of time to provide responses to all of the IRs.

In our best efforts to maintain the hearing timetable, enclosed please find Manitoba Hydro's responses to a substantial number of Round I Information Requests from the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba ("PUB"), the Consumers' Association of Canada and Winnipeg Harvest ("COATLITION"), the Manitoba Industrial Power Users Group ("MIPUG"), the Green Action Centre ("GAC"), Manitoba Metis Federation ("MMF"), Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak ("MKO") and the combined requests of COALTION and MKO, which have been completed at this time.

Manitoba Hydro is continuing its review and completion of the outstanding IRs on a best efforts basis and anticipates filing those responses next week.

Due to this slight delay in the filing of responses to all of the first round IRs, and in an attempt to preserve the PUB approved hearing schedule with a commencement date of May 25, 2015, Manitoba Hydro seeks approval or an Order from the PUB amending the hearing schedule as follows:

Manitoba Hydro in Receipt of Round 2 Information Requests	From Friday March 20, 2015 to Thursday, March 26, 2015
Manitoba Hydro to File Responses to Round 2 Information Requests	From Friday April 10, 2015 to Friday, April 17, 2015
All Parties to be in Receipt of Intervenor Evidence	From Friday April 17, 2015 to Friday, April 24, 2015
All Parties to File Information Requests of Intervenor Evidence	From Friday April 24, 2015 to Friday, May 1, 2015
Intervenors to File Responses to Information Requests	From Friday, May 8, 2015 to Tuesday, May 12, 2015
Manitoba Hydro to File Rebuttal Evidence	From Tuesday, May 19, 2015 to Wednesday, May 20, 2015
GRA Hearing Commences	Monday, May 25, 2015

In the circumstances, Manitoba Hydro believes that this revised schedule adequately takes into consideration the substantial number of first round IRs received by Manitoba Hydro and still provides the parties' sufficient time to review the responses to the first round information requests filed after March 12, 2015, for the purposes of posing second round IRs. Manitoba Hydro has retained the time period for the Corporation to respond to second round information requests based on the assumption that any second round Information Requests would be limited to questions arising from responses to First Round IRs and would not be used to pose Information Requests on new topics not canvassed by the Intervenor in the First round.

Manitoba Hydro notes that in submitting the revised schedule it has reduced the time allotted to Intervenors to file responses to Information Requests posed of Intervenor Evidence by two business days. Historically, very few IRs are typically posed of Intervenor Evidence. As such, Manitoba Hydro submits that this slight change and the entire revised schedule is fair, efficient and reasonable in all of the circumstances to preserve the commencement of the hearing for May 25, 2015.

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Should you have any questions with respect to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the writer at 204-360-3633 or Brent Czarnecki at 204-360-3257.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LAW DIVISION

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Odette Fernandes", written over a horizontal line.

ODETTE FERNANDES
Barrister & Solicitor

cc: All registered Interveners

Att.