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January 16, 2015

Mr. D. Christle  
Secretary and Executive Director  
Public Utilities Board  
400-330 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3C 0C4

Dear Mr. Christle:

**RE: Manitoba Hydro 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application**

Please find attached nine (9) copies of Manitoba Hydro's Letter of Application with respect to its 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application ("Application"), pursuant to *The Crown Corporations Public Review and Accountability Act*.

In its Application, Manitoba Hydro is requesting:

- Approval, on an interim basis, of a 3.95% across-the-board rate increase effective April 1, 2015;
- Approval of a further 3.95% across-the-board rate increase effective April 1, 2016;
- Final approval of the 2.75% across-the-board rate increase effective May 1, 2014 that was approved on an interim basis in Orders 49/14 and 51/14; and,
- Approval to implement Time-of-Use rates for the General Service Large customer class served at greater than 30 kilovolts, effective April 1, 2016.

The attached Letter of Application outlines additional approvals being requested by Manitoba Hydro as part of this Application. Manitoba Hydro anticipates filing the remaining Tabs, which provide the supporting materials for the Application on January 23, 2015.

Manitoba Hydro has attached a draft timetable for the Public Utilities Board's ("PUB") consideration which contemplates a public hearing commencing at the end of May, 2015. This timetable reflects a Pre-Hearing Conference ("PHC") on February 5, 2015 where matters such as scope of the proceeding, Interveners' experts and budgets, and timelines are typically discussed.

In order to assist the parties in understanding the Application, Manitoba Hydro intends to host

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a workshop in advance of the PHC on January 29, 2015. The purpose of this workshop is to provide information on the reasons for and issues related to the Application, the content and structure of the Application, and to facilitate discussions at the PHC. Further information with respect to the agenda and logistics for the workshop will be provided early next week.

Manitoba Hydro is also providing this letter and attachments to Interveners of past record in order to advise of Manitoba Hydro's filing of the GRA and its proposed regulatory review process.

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

Yours truly,

**MANITOBA HYDRO LAW DIVISION**

Per:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Odette Fernandes", with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

**ODETTE FERNANDES**

Barrister & Solicitor

cc: Interveners of past record (2012/13 & 2013/14 General Rate Application and Needs For and Alternatives To proceedings)

Att.