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March 3, 2015

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

**RE: Manitoba Hydro 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application – Round 1  
Information Requests**

Manitoba Hydro is in receipt of the Public Utilities Board (“PUB”) letter dated March 2, 2015.

In its letters of February 23, 2015 and February 25, 2015, Manitoba Hydro set forth its initial and general concerns with respect to the first round Information Requests (“IRs”) received from all parties with respect to the Corporation’s 2015/16 & 2016/17 General Rate Application (“GRA”). In accordance with the PUB’s letter and Order 18/15, Manitoba Hydro is attaching hereto Manitoba Hydro’s objections, concerns or alternatives proposed in the body of each individual Information Request form. As per the PUB’s letter of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Manitoba Hydro anticipates that the intervenors will communicate their response to the individual IRs.

When considering the total of approximately 1,342 IRs received, Manitoba Hydro has only objected to a small number and has limited its objections to those categories referenced in its letters of February 23, 2015 and February 25, 2015. It is important to note that within the list of IRs, Manitoba Hydro is proposing alternative responses to 74 IRs. This results in Manitoba Hydro, at a minimum, filing responses to 1,134 IRs.

Based on the total number of IRs received and Manitoba Hydro’s previous experience with the time required to sufficiently respond to a similar quantity of IRs (which is typically 4 weeks but has been reduced to 3 weeks), it is unlikely that Manitoba Hydro will be able to fully respond to the first round Information Requests within the time prescribed. Manitoba Hydro will use its best efforts to respond to as many IRs as possible by the March 12, 2015 date and will continue to work diligently to file the remaining responses as soon as possible thereafter in an effort to preserve the timetable set forth by the PUB in Order 18/15.

Manitoba Hydro can advise that with respect to the MIPUG IRs referenced in the Corporation's letters, discussions have occurred with Mr. Patrick Bowman. An alternative approach has been agreed to with respect to MIPUG/MH I-34(a)&(b) and a revised request has been proposed to MIPUG/MH I-7a) which Manitoba Hydro will provide a response.

If 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 DEPARTMENT**

Per:



**ODETTE FERNANDES**  
Barrister and Solicitor

Att.

cc: All Registered Intervenors