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Ms. Odette Fernandes  
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Dear Ms. Fernandes:

**Re: Manitoba Hydro's February 23 and February 25, 2015 Letters Regarding Information Requests 2014/15 and 2015/16 General Rate Application**

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The Board is in receipt of Manitoba Hydro's correspondence of February 23 and February 25, 2015, in which Manitoba Hydro challenged certain of the first-round Information Requests of the Public Utilities Board ("Board") and approved Interveners.

The Board directs all parties to Board Order 18/15, in which the Board set out the scope of the General Rate Application ("GRA") hearing and approved Interventions, and established a process for the adjudication of any disputes involving Information Requests. The Board requests that:

1. In accordance with the direction provided in Board Order 18/15, Manitoba Hydro was to, and is to immediately provide its Rationale for refusing to fully answer any specific Information Request in the body of the impugned Information Request. Manitoba Hydro is to provide copies, in Word format, to all Parties. This will be required for the Board to efficiently consider and adjudicate challenges to individual Information Requests.
2. Any Interveners should communicate with Manitoba Hydro regarding the Utility's concerns about their Information Requests to determine if those concerns can be resolved through a mutually acceptable compromise.

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3. To the extent Board adjudication is required in respect of any Information Requests, Interveners should set out their written Reply to Manitoba Hydro's rationale in the body of each impugned Information Request, immediately beneath Manitoba Hydro's Rationale for refusing to fully answer the question.

The Board will endeavour to provide any required adjudication promptly, and will do so based on the written submissions of the Parties.

Yours truly,

*"Original Signed By:"*

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Associate Secretary

cc. Greg Barnlund, Manitoba Hydro  
Shannon Gregorashuk, Manitoba Hydro  
Brent Czarnecki, Manitoba Hydro  
Bob Peters, Board Counsel  
Interveners of Record