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REMINDER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVISED ELECTRICITY RATES

APPLICANT: MANITOBA HYDRO

APPLICATION: 2014/15 & 2015/16 General Rate Application

By Notice of Application and Pre-Hearing Conference dated January 20, 2015, the public was advised that Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) of Manitoba for approval of new electricity rates.

Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval to finalize a previously granted interim 2.75% rate increase effective May 1, 2014 and implement a 3.95% across-the-board rate increase effective April 1, 2015 to generate additional revenues of \$57 million, and a further 3.95% rate increase effective April 1, 2016.

By letter dated January 27, 2015 to Manitoba Hydro (confirmed in Board Order 17/15), the Board indicated that it would only consider finalization of the previously granted interim rates and the proposed increase effective April 1, 2015. In Board Order 17/15, the Board indicated that it will provide further direction, in its final GRA Order, as to any additional information to be filed and considered before determining whether any process should be undertaken for possible April 1, 2016 interim rates.

Manitoba Hydro has also applied to implement Time-of-Use rates for the General Service Large (GSL) Customer Class served at greater than 30 kilovolts, effective April 1, 2016, and approval to change the definition of Billing Demand. Pursuant to Board Order 18/15, the Board determined that it will examine Manitoba Hydro's time-of-use rate proposal at the cost of service review and not during the current proceeding.

A summary of the proposed rate changes and annual electricity bill impacts for the average residential customer (with and without electric space heat) is provided below:

	Energy Rate (¢/kWh)	Basic Charge (\$/month)	Average Annual Electricity Bill (no electric space heat, based on 1,000 kWh /month)	Average Annual Electricity Bill (with electric space heat, based on 2,000 kWh/month)
Existing Rate ¹	7.381¢	\$7.28	\$973	\$1,859
2015 Applied for Rate ²	7.672¢	\$7.57	\$1,011	\$1,932

¹ Includes the 2.75% Interim Rate Increase effective May 1, 2014.

² The Board will determine the effective date for any revised 2015 electricity rates

Manitoba Hydro is also seeking Board approval to:

1. Finalize Light Emitting Diode (LED) rates for the Area and Roadway Lighting Class, approved on an interim basis in Order 79/14;
2. Rescind the Demand Side Management deferral account for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 fiscal years, established in Order 43/13;
3. Finalize the rate approval process for Option 1 of the Surplus Energy Program (SEP) as approved on an interim basis in Order 43/13; and final approval of all interim *ex-parte* SEP rate orders issued since April 26, 2013 as well as any additional interim *ex-parte* SEP rate orders issued prior to the Board's final order in this matter;
4. Finalize the rate approval process for the Curtailable Rate Program (CRP) as approved on an interim basis in Order 43/13; and finalize interim *ex-parte* Order 46/14 as well as any additional interim *ex-parte* CRP rate orders issued prior to the Board's final order in this matter; and,

5. Finalize the Interim Orders related to the four remote communities served by diesel generation, as outlined in Manitoba Hydro's Application.

PARTICULARS

OF APPLICATION: Full particulars of this Application can be obtained by interested parties from:

Manitoba Hydro
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An electronic version of the Application is located at:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/electric/gra_2014_2015/index.shtml

VARIATION:

Upon an application to it, the Board may make an Order granting the whole or part only of the Application, or may grant such further or other relief in addition to, or in substitution for, that applied for, as fully and in all respects as if the Application had been for such partial, or further or other relief.

**PUBLIC
HEARINGS:**

A Public Hearing to consider Manitoba Hydro's Application will be held at the Board's offices, located at 400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg. The hearing will begin on Monday May 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION AS
A PRESENTER:**

Parties wishing to either submit a written brief or express oral comments to the Board, but not wishing to participate in the proceedings in their entirety are denoted as being 'Presenters'. Such parties should submit their written brief, or advise the Secretary of the Board of an intention to appear at the public hearing and make an oral presentation to the Board, as soon as possible and no later than one week prior to the start of the hearing. Persons wishing to address the hearing in French are required to notify the Board's Secretary on or before May 19, 2015.

PROCEDURE: The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) apply to the conduct of the hearing. All interveners should familiarize themselves with the Rules, which can be seen at the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca or obtained on request to the Board, by either emailing (publicutilities@gov.mb.ca), writing or calling the Board Secretary (945-2638 or 1(866)854-3698, toll free).

DATED this 21st day of April 2015.

"Original Signed By:"

Kurt Simonsen
Associate Secretary
The Public Utilities Board

Wheelchair access is available



Five days notice required

