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The Public Utilities Board of Manitoba
Attention: Mr. Hollis Singh, Executive Director and Board Secretary
400 - 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4

Dear Mr. Singh:

**Re: Public Utilities Board's Needs For and Alternatives To (NFAT)
Review of Manitoba Hydro's Preferred Development Plan –
Evidence of Dr. Roger Higgin**

Please find attached the expert evidence of Dr. Roger Higgin regarding policy observations related to the cost/benefit of the Preferred Development Plan in the NFAT review.

Dr. Higgin's report provides a big picture review of the Needs For and Alternatives To of Manitoba Hydro's Preferred Development Plan. In three stages, Dr. Higgin 1) provides a strategic policy review of the Manitoba Hydro Business Case, comparing and contrasting his observations with the evidence provided by Manitoba Hydro and the Independent Expert Consultants; 2) Directly addresses the policy considerations of affordability and intergenerational equity; and 3) offers observations, considerations and suggestions related to the NFAT Terms of Reference and potential outcomes for the NFAT Review.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this evidence and for your consideration of these comments. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Byron Williams at 204-985-8533 or Meghan Menzies at 204-985-8540.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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