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OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF DAVID HARPER

Mr. Hollis Singh
Secretary and Executive Director
Manitoba Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Ave
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October 1, 2013

Dear Mr. Singh

Re: MKO Participation in the Needs For and Alternatives Review of Manitoba Hydro's Preferred Development Plan

In Board Order 67/13 dated June 11, 2013 Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) was approved by the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Board) as an Intervener in the upcoming *Needs For and Alternatives To* (NFAT) review of Manitoba Hydro's Preferred Development Plan (PDP). In this Order MKO was approved to examine:

- The Socio-economic impacts and benefits of Manitoba Hydro's PDP and alternatives in respect of MKO First Nations; and
- The impact of domestic electricity rates over time, with and without the PDP and with alternatives.

MKO is governed by 30 sovereign First Nations and represents 65,000 Treaty First Nation citizens in northern Manitoba. Manitoba Hydro's PDP is therefore of significant importance to our members. MKO appreciates the opportunity to be an intervener in the Board's *Needs For and Alternatives To* review.

In our role as an intervener, MKO has identified consulting services and drafted a proposed work plan and budget to address the socio-economic issues and rate impacts resulting from Manitoba Hydro's PDP. This work plan and consulting budget was approved by the Board in Order 92/13 dated August 9, 2013. It is MKO's intention to proceed with the work plan as approved by the Board in this Order.

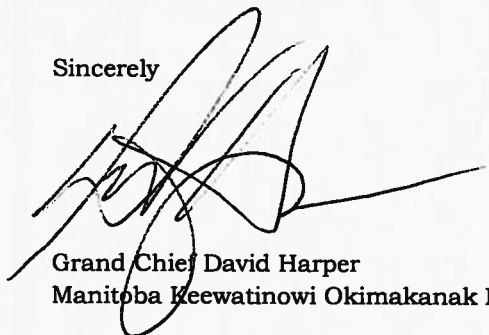
MKO will also be seeking independent counsel to represent MKO's interest in this NFAT review. In the interim, MKO will be asking Counsel representing the Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba Branch) to assist MKO until such time as MKO retains independent Counsel. Once independent Counsel has been appointed, MKO will provide the Board with a revised budget and work scope that will include legal costs.

Furthermore, with respect to the Motion for Leave to Appeal the PUB's orders *No. 67/13 and 91/13* filed by legal counsel for Pimicikamak Cree Nation, MKO is in support of their request for Intervener Status in the NFAT Review.

"For as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the waters flow"

We look forward to working with the NFAT Panel and all Interveners in this important review.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Harper', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Grand Chief David Harper
Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc.

Cc.

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