



Manitoba Keewatinowí Okimakanak, Inc.

Head Office

Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
Nelson House, MB R0B 1A0

www.mkonorth.com

Thompson Sub-Office

200-701 Thompson Drive
Thompson, MB R8N 2A3

■ Natural Resources Secretariat

6th Floor, 338 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0T2

OFFICE OF GRAND CHIEF DAVID HARPER

February 2, 2014

Hollis M. Singh
Secretary and Executive Director
The Public Utilities Board
400 - 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3C 0C4

Dear Mr. Singh:

**Re: MKO's Request to Confirm Inclusion of Macro Environmental Considerations as Within the Approved Scope and Related Matters
MKO Response to the Board's Additional Questions of January 30, 2014**

Further to the email dated January 30, 2014 from Mr. Peters setting out several additional questions on behalf of the Board to MKO arising from MKO's January 29, 2014 response to the Board's letter of January 27, 2014, MKO provides the following responses to each of the Board's additional questions, as somewhat revised and set out below:

1. Please confirm whether MKO will be filing evidence on February 4, 2014 by Mr. Hildebrand and Mr. Chymko on the socio-economic and rate impact issues for which MKO was approved as an Intervener in Order 67/13;

MKO Response: MKO expects to be filing evidence by Mr. Hildebrand and Mr. Chymko on February 4, 2014 on the socio-economic and rate impact issues for which MKO was approved as an Intervener in Order 67/13, with a particular emphasis on the socio-economic rate impacts.

2. Please re-submit, for the Board review, MKO's revised budget request in respect of Mr. Hildebrand and Mr. Chymko detailing the actual Work Plan on approved issues for MKO, the work done to date and the hours to be spent on specific work products;

MKO Response: MKO has requested an updated revised budget to also reflect the IEC evidence on approved issues and a billing for work to date and will forward same to the Board. Mr. Hildebrand and Mr. Chymko have advised MKO that their estimate for work on approved issues up to the commencement of the hearing is \$26,000 and that billings to date are approximately \$17,000.

3. a) To better inform the Board as to MKO's request for funding for Mr. Dick on 'macro-environmental' considerations, please immediately provide the detailed version of the 'MKO NFAT Case Plan – Primary Areas of Focus'. The Board will expect this document to detail the work MKO proposes Mr. Hildebrand and Mr. Chymko to do in relation to the two issues for which Board approval was provided in Order 67/13. The Board will also expect this document to provide details of the MKO proposal for 'macro-environmental considerations for which approval is now being sought.

MKO Response: Please find attached the document MKO NFAT Case Plan – Primary Areas of Focus, dated January 22, 2014.

- b) Please identify which macro-environmental topics and issues proposed for Dr. Dick were before the Clean Environment Commission.

MKO Response: The macro-environmental topics and issues proposed for Dr. Dick are expected to address the scope of topics and concepts on macro environmental considerations as set out in PUB IEC Report, A Review of Manitoba Hydro's Macro Environmental Considerations, January 13, 2014 (as circulated as a redacted version on January 20, 2014) and as generally set out at Topic 4 of the MKO NFAT Case Plan – Primary Areas of Focus, pages 7 and 8. MKO proposes that Dr. Dick's evidence prepared for submission to the PUB will address matters which are relevant to the Board's high-level consideration of socio-economic and macro environmental considerations and that any similar matters that may have been considered by the CEC will be included only by reference.

- c) Please provide the Curriculum Vitae for Dr. Dick.

MKO Response: The Curriculum Vitae for Dr. Dick is attached.

4. Please advise whether MKO will be proposing, in a further detailed written application to the Board, any coalition on socio-economic and rate impact considerations with Tataskweyak Cree Nation, War Lake First Nation, Fox Lake Cree Nation, York Factory First Nation and/or Pimicikamak and if so, when such a proposal may be presented.

MKO Response: As previously set out by the Board in Order 67/13, at page 22, MKO has been exploring a coalition with Pimicikmak and MKO expects to shortly make a further detailed written application to the Board for approval in respect of the specific issues to be addressed by Pimicikamak, the proposed consultants for those issues, and their specific budgets. In this regard, MKO notes that the Board has approved additional issues for consideration by Pimicikamak, at page 22 of Order 67/13, and expects to address this matter in the application. MKO has reviewed the recent communications between the Board and representatives of the Tataskweyak Cree Nation, the War Lake First Nation, the Fox Lake Cree Nation and the York Factory First Nation and will explore options in respect of a potential coalition on socio-economic and rate impact considerations. MKO appreciates that time is of the essence in these matters.

MKO appreciates the Board's consideration of MKO's submissions and request of January 23, 2014, January 29, 2014 and as set out above. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (204) 794-4312 should the Board require any additional information.

Sincerely,



Michael Anderson
Research Director

cc. Manitoba Hydro
Board Counsel
Intervenors