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*****VIA Email and Regular Mail*****

The Public Utilities Board
400-330 Portage Ave.
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0C4

Attention: Hollis Singh, Secretary

Dear Sir:

**Re: Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) NFAT Intervention
Involvement of Whitfield Russell Associates as an
Expert Consultant/Witness on behalf of MMF**

As you are aware, the MMF's intervention in the Needs for and Alternatives to Review (NFAT) of Hydro's Proposed Preferred Development Plan is the MMF's first appearance in hearings of the Public Utilities Board (PUB). The MMF appreciates the opportunity to present evidence on behalf of the Manitoba Metis Community in the NFAT and appreciates the guidance that has been provided by counsel and others in this process.

As you are also aware, Order 67/13 of the PUB provides that impact to domestic rates as well as financial and economic risk are matters in-scope for MMF in its intervention. While the MMF realizes that the deadline for revisions to MMF's scope of work and budgets was due September 13, 2013, discussions regarding further assistance to MMF in these areas has not occurred until recently. Having had the opportunity to consider these areas further, the MMF has engaged Mr. Whitfield Russell of Whitfield Russell Associates of Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A in addition to the assistance already being provided by Mr. Rick Hendriks of Camerado Energy Consulting as is currently approved by the PUB. Attached as Schedule "A", are the qualifications of Whitfield Russell Associates.

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The MMF confirms that there will be no duplication of evidence between Mr. Hendriks and Whitfield Russell Associates and that funding for Whitfield Russell Associates will be provided through the MMF's currently approved budget amounts. The MMF will follow the direction of the PUB in Order 127/13 and will track, report and manage its approved funding budgets and will ensure that surpluses in one consultant budget can be applied to shortfalls in another consultant budget. In the event that fees exceed the current budgeted amounts, the MMF will advise the PUB of its concerns in this regard and provide for the PUB's consideration, a proposal on how to address such concerns.

Please contact us if there is any other information you require or if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours truly,

MYERS WENBERG LLP

Per: "Sent Electronically"

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- cc. R.F. Peters, Board Counsel, Fillmore Riley LLP
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- att. Schedule "A": Qualifications of Whitfield Russell Associates