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Attention: R. F. Peters, legal counsel for the Public Utilities Board

Dear Mr. Peters:

Re: Public Utilities Board ("PUB") Order No. 91/13

We ask that you ensure this letter is given to the PUB chair and the PUB panel hearing the Needs for and Alternatives To Review (the "NFAT Review") for Manitoba Hydro's energy plan.

We are writing on behalf of our client, Pimicikamak, to express our concern and dismay that the PUB apparently failed to meet its obligations pursuant to s. 51(2) of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, to ensure that its Order No. 91/13, which decided Pimicikamak's application for reconsideration of the denial of intervenor status, was served on the affected party (in this case, through its legal counsel) within 10 days of the order being signed.

Neither our firm nor the two contacts for Pimicikamak provided to the PUB for the NFAT Review, were given notice of or served with Order No. 91/13. We had to call the PUB's legal counsel on August 27, 2013 to find out that the order was issued on August 9, 2013.

We consider this to be a serious breach of the PUB's duties and mandate, especially in regard to something as important as this NFAT Review, and what should be the desire to have all necessary and relevant interventions. This breach put Pimicikamak's ability to file a challenge in court in jeopardy (given the tight deadline for an appeal). This is also considered to be disrespectful of Pimicikamak, given that a lot of time and effort was put into the application for reconsideration.

Such breaches should not be occurring and we hope this is not indicative of how the NFAT Review will be carried out. In our opinion, this proceeding warrants the highest degree of care and attention.

We ask that you please post this letter on the PUB's website for the NFAT Review.

Yours truly,

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