

NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE
NEEDS FOR AND ALTERNATIVES TO (NFAT) REVIEW OF
MANITOBA HYDRO'S PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

On April 25, 2013, the Government of Manitoba issued Terms of Reference to The Public Utilities Board (PUB) regarding the Needs For And Alternatives To (NFAT) Review of Manitoba Hydro's proposed preferred development plan for the construction of the Keeyask Generating Station and Conawapa Generating Station, associated domestic transmission facilities, export contracts, and Canada-U.S. transmission interconnection facilities.

The NFAT Review will be conducted under the authority of Section 107 of *The Public Utilities Board Act (The PUB Act)* for the purpose of making recommendations to the Minister responsible for the administration of *The PUB Act* upon completion of the PUB's investigations and deliberations. The PUB will provide a report no later than June 20, 2014.

Manitoba Hydro plans to file its submission with respect to its preferred development plan by August 16, 2013. The PUB will hold an initial Pre-hearing Conference on May 16, 2013, prior to the filing, and will schedule a second Pre-Hearing Conference to be held after Manitoba Hydro files its NFAT submission.

Scope

The scope of the PUB's NFAT Review will be governed by the Terms of Reference, which can be found on the PUB's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca, or by contacting the PUB at the address set out below.

The public is invited to participate in the NFAT Review, either by applying as a Presenter to submit oral or written Presentations, or by applying for Intervener status. All parties seeking Intervener or Presenter status should familiarize themselves with the Terms of Reference, including the scope and procedure set out therein.

Pre-Hearing Conference Date and Location

The Board will convene a Pre-Hearing Conference to establish a schedule for the NFAT Review process and consider submissions from proposed Interveners on the following date, time, and location:

Thursday, May 16, 2013 @ 9:00 AM
Hearing Room – 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Requests for Intervener Status

All persons, firms or corporations wishing to intervene in respect of this matter are required to send a request for Intervener status to the PUB by mail, courier or email to be received by the PUB by no later than Tuesday May 14, 2013 using the Intervener request form available under the NFAT section of the PUB's website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca. Interveners must describe their reasons for intervention, their specific issues of concern as well as their detailed work plan and proposed consultants and estimated budgets. Interveners must be prepared to cooperate with other Interveners to avoid duplication.

The PUB may determine whether an Intervener is entitled to costs for participating in the review and may fix the amount of those costs in accordance with the PUB's Rules of Practice and Procedure which are available on the PUB's website.

Requests for Presenter Status

Those parties wishing to submit a written presentation or to provide oral comments to the PUB may apply for Presenter status by mail, courier or email to be received by the PUB by no later than August 30, 2013.

The PUB is prepared to attend at various locations throughout Manitoba to hear and receive public Presentations. A schedule of dates and locations will be made available on the PUB's website following the Pre-Hearing Conference.

Procedure

The PUB's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as modified by the NFAT Terms of Reference, will apply to the PUB's NFAT Review. All proposed Interveners should familiarize themselves with both documents. The PUB's Rules of Practice and Procedure are available on the PUB's main website at www.pub.gov.mb.ca. Any interested party can also request a paper copy from the PUB by writing the PUB at the address below or emailing the PUB at publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

Contact Information

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DATED this 25th day of April, 2013

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Secretary
The Public Utilities Board

Wheelchair access is available



Five days notice required

