

MANITOBA) Order No. 22/00
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT)
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MANITOBA HYDRO ACT)
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THE CROWN CORPORATIONS PUBLIC)
REVIEW AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT) February 22, 2000

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
E. Edmondson, Member

**AN APPLICATION BY MANITOBA HYDRO FOR APPROVAL
OF THE EXTENSION BEYOND MARCH 31, 2000 OF THE
DUAL FUEL HEATING, INDUSTRIAL SURPLUS ENERGY,
AND SURPLUS ENERGY SERVICE FOR SELF-GENERATORS
RATE PROGRAMS**

On October 25, 1999 Manitoba Hydro applied to The Public Utilities Board ("Board") for an interim ex parte Order approving an application for the establishment of the Surplus Energy Program ("SEP"). The SEP is intended to replace the Dual Fuel Heating ("DFH"), the Industrial Surplus Energy ("ISE") and the Surplus Energy Service to Self-Generators ("SESS") rate programs which are scheduled to terminate March 31, 2000.

In its application Manitoba Hydro has requested the new SEP rate be effective as of the date of approval by the Board or on expiry of the DFH/ISE/SESS programs on March 31, 2000, whichever is the later date. Should the date of the Board Order in this matter be later than March 31, 2000, Manitoba Hydro requested the current DFH/ISE/SESS programs, and specifically the Spot Market Replacement Energy Option, be extended until a decision is rendered.

By letter dated January 28, 2000 the Board indicated the special circumstances required to hold an interim ex parte hearing have not been satisfied and the application would be heard together in a written hearing process with the Limited Use of Demand Billing Rate. A timetable for the orderly exchange of information has been set with public notice published on February 12, 2000 and Reply to Final Arguments to be filed April 24, 2000.

Board Findings

With the hearing process underway, the Board will approve Manitoba Hydro's request to extend the DFH/ISE/SESS programs, including the Spot Market Replacement Energy Option, beyond their expiry on March 31, 2000, until further Order on the SEP rate application currently before it.

