| MANITOBA |) Order No. 156/00 | | |
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| THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT |) December 6, 2000 | | |

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman M. Girouard, Member

AN APPLICATION BY MANITOBA HYDRO FOR INTERIM EX PARTE APPROVAL OF CURTAILABLE SERVICE PROGRAM REFERENCE DISCOUNT FOR DECEMBER 2000

BACKGROUND

On December 15, 1998, Manitoba Hydro ("Hydro") filed with The Public Utilities Board (the "Board"), Hydro's Curtailable Service Program ("CSP") Terms and Conditions revised in accordance with Board Order No. 153/98. These Revised Terms and Conditions were approved by the Board in Board Order No. 166/98 dated December 24, 1998.

On December 4, 2000, Hydro also filed an application for Interim Ex Parte approval of the CSP Reference Discount for December, 2000, attached as Schedule 1.

BOARD FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed Hydro's application and will approve the CSP Reference Discount for December, 2000 on an Interim Ex Parte basis.

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| 1. | Hydro's application for approval of the CSP Reference Discount for December, |
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| | 2000 as set out in attached Schedule 1 BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED on an |
| | Interim Ex Parte basis. |

2. This Interim Ex Parte Order shall be in full force and effect until confirmed or otherwise by a further Order of the Board following a public hearing.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

| | <u>"G. D. FORREST"</u> Chairman |
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| J. WILLIAMSON" Acting Secretary | |
| | Certified a true copy of Order No. 156/00 issued by The Public Utilities Board |
| | Acting Secretary |