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| REVIEW AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT  | ) | February 26, 2003 |

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

APPLICATION BY MANITOBA HYDRO FOR AN INTERIM EX PARTE ORDER APPROVING SURPLUS ENERGY PROGRAM RATES, SCHEDULE SEP-1

By Order No. 90/00 dated June 30, 2000 The Public Utilities Board (the "Board") approved Manitoba Hydro's ("Hydro") application for its Surplus Energy Program (the Program).

A prior procedure was established for the approval of Schedule SEP-1 rates as amended from time to time.

Hydro filed an application dated Tuesday, February 25, 2003 for Interim Ex Parte approval of Schedule SEP-1 under the Program, as attached.

The Board has considered Hydro's application and will approve the application on an Interim Ex Parte basis.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Manitoba Hydro's application for approval of Schedule SEP-1 to be charged from Monday, March 3, 2003 to Sunday, March 9, 2003 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

"G. D. FORREST"
Chairman

"J. WILLIAMSON"
Acting Secretary

Certified a true copy of Order No. 26/03 issued by The Public Utilities Board

Acting Secretary