

MANITOBA) Order No.66/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT)
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THE MANITOBA HYDRO ACT)
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THE CROWN CORPORATIONS PUBLIC REVIEW)
AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT) April 21, 2004

BEFORE: Graham F. J. Lane, C.A., Chairman
R. Mayer, Q.C., Vice-Chair

**MANITOBA HYDRO APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
RATES FOR FLAT RATE WATER HEATER SERVICE**

On March 18, 2004 Manitoba Hydro applied to The Public Utilities Board (the Board) for approval of rates provided to ten Flat Rate Water Heater Service accounts provided by Winnipeg Hydro prior to its acquisition by Manitoba Hydro. Manitoba Hydro advised that increases for this type of service over current rates would be included in its General Rate Application, now before the Board.

Manitoba Hydro further advised that it did offer flat rate water heater service of the particular wattages involved, prior to acquisition of Winnipeg Hydro. Manitoba Hydro confirmed that its reference to "Currently Billing" related to the rates charged by Winnipeg Hydro for these wattages.

The Board has determined that an approval of existing rates, i.e. the rates charged at acquisition by Winnipeg Hydro, is both necessary and reasonable and, accordingly, will approve same on an ex parte basis.

In the interest of regulatory efficiency, the Board will consider Manitoba Hydro's application for increased rates for this service as part of its General Rate Application.

Manitoba Hydro will be required to provide notice to the Flat Rate Water Heater service customers of the Board's decision, and as to Manitoba Hydro's intention to seek further rate increases within its General Rate Application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The following rates for General Service Flat Rate Water Heater service BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROVED on an interim ex parte basis:

Element Size	Monthly Rate
3800 W	\$ 72.73
6500 W	\$117.79
7500 W	\$134.48
16500 W	\$284.69
19000 W	\$326.42
23000 W	\$393.18
24000 W	\$409.87

2. Manitoba Hydro's Application to increase rates for the General Service Flat Rate Water Heater service be included in the General Rate Application currently before the Board.
3. Manitoba Hydro provide notice to its General Service Flat Rate Water Heater service customers of its General Rate Application and this Order.

4. This interim ex parte Order shall remain in effect until confirmed or otherwise dealt with by a future Order of the Board.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"GRAHAM F. J. LANE, C.A."
Chairman

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

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