

MANITOBA) Order No. 70/04
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) April 30, 2004

BEFORE: Graham F. J. Lane, C.A., Chairman

**AN APPLICATION BY MANITOBA HYDRO FOR INTERIM
EX PARTE APPROVAL OF THE CURTAILABLE RATE
PROGRAM REFERENCE DISCOUNT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2004**

BACKGROUND

On April 29, 2004 Manitoba Hydro applied to The Public Utilities Board (the Board) for approval of the Curtailable Rate Program Reference Discount effective April 1, 2004 on an interim ex parte basis.

This Application was made pursuant to Manitoba Hydro's Terms and Conditions of Service approved by the Board in Order No. 7/03 dated February 3, 2003.

Under the Terms and Conditions of Service Manitoba Hydro is required to file the Curtailable Rate Program Reference Discount adjusted for inflation on an annual basis. Effective April 1, 2004 Manitoba Hydro proposes this discount rate be increased from \$2.75 to \$2.76/kW of curtailable load (Canadian \$). The inflation adjustment factor is +0.2% as reflected in the CPI published by Statistics Canada dated April 19, 2004.

BOARD FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed Manitoba Hydro's Application and will approve the Reference Discount effective April 1, 2004 on an interim ex parte basis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Manitoba Hydro's application for approval of the Curtailable Rate Program Reference Discount 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

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

"G. O. BARRON"
Secretary

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