

**M A N I T O B A** ) **Order No. 54/08**  
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**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT** ) **April 30, 2008**

**BEFORE:** Graham Lane, C.A., Chairman  
Robert Mayer, Q.C., Vice-Chairman  
Susan Proven, P.H.Ec., Member

**MANITOBA HYDRO: INTERIM  
EX PARTE APPROVAL OF THE CURTAILABLE RATE  
PROGRAM REFERENCE DISCOUNT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2008**

## **BACKGROUND**

On April 23, 2008, Manitoba Hydro (MH) applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for interim ex parte approval of MH's Curtailable Rate Program Reference Discount (CRP), effective April 1, 2008.

The application was made pursuant to MH's Terms and Conditions of Service, which were approved by the Board by Order 7/03, February 3, 2003.

Under the Terms and Conditions of Service, MH is required to file the CRP adjusted for inflation on an annual basis. Effective April 1, 2008, MH proposed the discount rate be increased from \$2.96 to \$3.00/kW of curtailable load. The inflation adjustment factor is +1.3%, as reflected in the CPI, published by Statistics Canada April 17, 2008.

## **BOARD FINDINGS**

The Board has reviewed MH's application and will approve the amended CRP effective April 1, 2008, 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. GAUDREAU, CMA"  
Secretary

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Secretary

**CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM**

**REFERENCE DISCOUNT**

**APRIL 2008**

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FORMULA:

The Monthly Reference Discount shall equal A, where:

A = The amount of the Reference Discount which is related to Generation Deferral benefits, expressed in Canadian Dollars for 2003/04, and adjusted by the annual inflation factor as of April 1 of each fiscal year; i.e. 2004 = +0.2%, 2005 = +3.2%, 2006 = +1.8%, 2007 = +2.6%, 2008 = + 1.3% (see attachment)

REFERENCE DISCOUNT – APRIL 2008:

$A = \$2.75/\text{kW}/\text{month (Cdn. \$)} * +0.2\%, +3.2\%, +1.8\%, +2.6\%, +1.3\%$

Reference Discount =  $\$2.75 + \$0.01 + \$0.09 + \$0.04 + \$0.07 + \$0.04 = \$3.00/\text{kW}$  of curtailable load (Cdn. \$)