

MANITOBA
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT

Order No. 42/13

April 26, 2013

BEFORE: Régis Gosselin, BA, CGA, MBA, Chair
Raymond Lafond, BA, CMA, FCA, Member
Larry Soldier, Member

**MANITOBA HYDRO: INTERIM EX PARTE APPROVAL
CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM
REFERENCE DISCOUNT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2013**

BACKGROUND

On April 19, 2013, Manitoba Hydro (MH) applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for interim *ex parte* approval of MH's Curtailable Rate Program Reference Discount (CRP), to be applied to April billings as of April 1, 2013. MH's application was made pursuant to its Terms and Conditions of Service, which were last approved by Board Order 7/03 as modified by Order 90/08 of June 30, 2008.

Under the Terms and Conditions of Service, MH is required to file the CRP adjusted for inflation on an annual basis. Effective April 1, 2013, MH proposed the discount rate be increased from \$3.21 to \$3.28/kW of curtailable load. The inflation adjustment factor is +2.3%, as reflected in the CPI published by Statistics Canada (April 19, 2013).

BOARD FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed MH's application and will approve, on an interim *ex parte* basis, an amended CRP effective April 1, 2013.

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 "A") BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED on an interim *ex parte* basis.
2. This Interim Order shall be in full force and effect until confirmed or otherwise by a further Order of the Board, to follow a public hearing.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"REGIS GOSSELIN, BA, CGA, MBA"
Chair

"KURT SIMONSEN, P.Eng."
Acting Secretary

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SCHEDULE "A"

CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM

REFERENCE DISCOUNT

APRIL 2013

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 2011/12, and adjusted by the annual inflation factor as of April 1 of each fiscal year.

REFERENCE DISCOUNT - APRIL 2013:

A = \$3.17/kW/month (Cdn. \$) * annual consumer price index of

2012	+1.4%
2013	+2.3% (as shown on the following page)

Reference Discount = \$3.17 + \$0.04 + \$0.07 = \$3.28/kW of curtailable load (Cdn. \$)

Consumer Price Index, by province (monthly)
(Manitoba)

	Mar-12	Feb-13	Mar-13	February 2013 to March 2013	March 2012 to March 2013
	2002=100			% change	
Man.					
All-items	119.5	121.6	122.3	0.6	2.3
Food	128.6	131.8	131.8	0	2.5
Shelter	126.1	130	130.1	0.1	3.2
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	110.3	113.3	113.2	-0.1	2.6
Clothing and footwear	96.4	94.2	96.6	2.5	0.2
Transportation	122.7	124	125.7	1.4	2.4
Health and personal care	113.9	112.9	112.5	-0.4	-1.2
Recreation, education and reading	104.8	104.9	105.3	0.4	0.5
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	143	149	151.2	1.5	5.7
Special aggregates					
All items excluding food	117.7	119.6	120.4	0.7	2.3
All items excluding energy	117.4	119.8	120	0.2	2.2
Energy	144.1	142.5	149.3	4.8	3.6
Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM, table 326-0020 and Catalogue nos. 62-001-X and 62-010-X.					
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