

**MANITOBA**  
***THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT***

**Order No. 46/14**

**April 28, 2014**

**BEFORE:** Régis Gosselin, B ès Arts, CGA, MBA, Chair  
Larry Soldier, Member  
Marilyn Kapitany, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc., Member

**MANITOBA HYDRO: INTERIM EX PARTE APPROVAL  
CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM  
REFERENCE DISCOUNT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014**

## **BACKGROUND**

On April 23, 2014, 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, 2014. 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, 2014, MH proposed the discount rate be increased from \$3.28 to \$3.36/kW of curtailable load. The inflation adjustment factor is +2.3%, as reflected in the CPI published by Statistics Canada (April 17, 2014).

## **BOARD FINDINGS**

The Board has reviewed MH's application and will approve, on an interim *ex parte* basis, an amended CRP effective April 1, 2014.

**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

"Régis Gosselin, B ès Arts, MBA, CGA"  
Chair

"Kurt Simonsen, P.Eng."  
Acting Secretary

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Acting Secretary

## **CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM**

### **REFERENCE DISCOUNT**

**APRIL 2014**

#### 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 2014:

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

2012 +1.4%

2013 +2.3%

2014 +2.3% (as shown on the following page)

Reference Discount = \$3.17 + \$0.04 + \$0.07 + \$0.08= \$3.36/kW of curtailable load (Cdn. \$)

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

	<b>March 2012</b>	<b>February 2013</b>	<b>March 2013</b>	<b>February 2014 to March 2014</b>	<b>March 2013 to March 2014</b>
	<b>2002=100</b>			<b>% change</b>	
<b>Man.</b>					
<b>All-items</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>124.3</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Food</b>	131.8	135.0	<b>136.1</b>	0.8	3.3
<b>Shelter</b>	130.1	134.3	<b>134.5</b>	0.1	3.4
<b>Household operations, furnishings and equipment</b>	113.2	114.9	<b>115.3</b>	0.3	1.9
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	96.6	93.2	<b>93.7</b>	0.5	-3.0
<b>Transportation</b>	125.7	125.6	<b>128.7</b>	2.5	2.4
<b>Health and personal care</b>	112.5	112.0	<b>111.2</b>	-0.7	-1.2
<b>Recreation, education and reading</b>	105.3	107.50	<b>106.6</b>	-0.8	1.2
<b>Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products</b>	151.2	164.50	<b>166.3</b>	1.1	10.0
<b>All items excluding food</b>	120.4	122.1	<b>123.0</b>	0.7	2.2
<b>All items excluding energy</b>	120.0	122.3	<b>122.6</b>	0.2	2.2
<b>Energy</b>	149.3	146.0	<b>154.6</b>	5.9	3.5
<b>Source:</b> Statistics Canada, CANSIM, table 326-0020 and Catalogue nos. 62-001-X and 62-010-X. Last modified: 2013-04-19.					