

MANITOBA
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT

Order No. 44/15

April 23, 2015

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

**MANITOBA HYDRO: INTERIM EX PARTE APPROVAL
CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM
REFERENCE DISCOUNT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015**

BACKGROUND

On April 17, 2015, 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, 2015. 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, 2015, MH proposed the discount rate be increased from \$3.36/kW to \$3.40/kW of curtailable load. The inflation adjustment factor is +1.5%, as reflected in the CPI published by Statistics Canada (April 17, 2015).

BOARD FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed MH's application and will approve, on an interim *ex parte* basis, an amended CRP effective April 1, 2015.

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"
Acting Secretary

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CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM

REFERENCE DISCOUNT

APRIL 2015

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 2015:

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

2012 +1.4%

2013 +2.3%

2014 +2.3%

2015 +1.2% (as shown on the following page)

Reference Discount = \$3.17 + \$0.04 + \$0.07 + \$0.08 + \$0.04 = \$3.40/kW of curtailable load (Cdn. \$)

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

	March 2014	February 2015	March 2015	February 2015 to March 2015	March 2014 to March 2015
	2002=100			% change	
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All-items	125.1	125.2	126.6	1.1	1.2
Food	136.1	139.8	140.7	0.6	3.4
Shelter	134.5	136.8	136.9	0.1	1.8
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	115.3	117.9	118.4	0.4	2.7
Clothing and footwear	93.7	96.5	99.8	3.4	6.5
Transportation	128.7	120.0	123.8	3.2	-3.8
Health and personal care	111.2	113.8	113.1	-0.6	1.7
Recreation, education and reading	106.6	106.9	108.5	1.5	1.8
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	166.3	170.2	170.2	0.0	2.3
All items excluding food	123.0	122.3	123.9	1.3	0.7
All items excluding energy	122.6	124.6	125.8	1.0	2.6
Energy	154.6	130.1	135.5	4.2	-12.4
Source: Statistics Canada, CANSIM, table 326-0020 and Catalogue nos. 62-001-X and 62-010-X.					
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