MANITOBA) Order No. 59/15
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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT)
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MANITOBA HYDRO ACT)
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THE CROWN CORPORATIONS PUBLIC)
REVIEW AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT) June 10, 2015

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

AN APPLICATION BY MANITOBA HYDRO FOR INTERIM EX PARTE APPROVAL FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 15, 2015 TO JUNE 21, 2015 OF THE SURPLUS ENERGY PROGRAM RATE

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Introduction

By this Order, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approves Manitoba Hydro's (MH) June 9, 2015 application for *ex parte* approval of revised and interim Surplus Energy Program (SEP) rates for the week of June 15, 2015 to June 21, 2015 attached as "Schedule SEP-1". Appendices A, B, C and D depict historical average, peak, shoulder and off-peak SEP prices.

Background

On October 25, 1999 Manitoba Hydro (MH) applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for the establishment of a Surplus Energy Program (SEP) that would be made available to MH's General Service customers on an interruptible basis.

Board Order 90/00 approved MH's Application for the SEP with SEP prices set based on a forecast of the expected source of SEP energy and such prices would be submitted weekly to the Board for approval on an ex parte basis. Board Order 111/12 extended SEP to March 31, 2014.

Board Order 43/13 approved options 2 and 3 of the Surplus Energy Program as permanent rate offerings. In that same order, option 1 remains approved on an interim basis.

The pricing of the SEP energy, which is surplus to Hydro's immediate requirements, is established to approximate the price offered by MH to export sales customers on the opportunity market or, in the case where MH expects to import power, at a price reflective of MH's cost with a 10% surcharge.

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The SEP program is expected to "break-even" on an annual basis. This means that the revenue raised is expected to be approximately the same as if the power had been sold on the opportunity export market.

Under SEP, participating large Manitoba customers either accept or decline the available additional electricity, as offered at the rates approved by the Board. In accepting the excess power, customers accept the risk of adverse implications if a service interruption occurs. These customers are generally expected to have back-up generation to draw on if a service interruption occurs.

Board Findings

MH's latest SEP application is in accordance with the Board approved methodology and the SEP program continues to have value for a small component of MH's larger customer base (those firms able to profitably access interruptible power).

Continuing to deal with SEP applications on an interim *ex parte* basis is consistent with past practice, and the rates set through this process are interim, to be finalized at General Rate Application hearings.

Accordingly, the Board affirms revised Schedule SEP-1 and will approve the attached schedule.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- Manitoba Hydro's application for approval of Surplus Energy Rates from June 15, 2015 to June 21, 2015 as shown in Schedule SEP-1, as attached **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 varied by a further Order of the Board following a public hearing.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

<u>"Régis Gosselin, B ès Arts, MBA, CGA"</u> Chair

"Kurt Simonsen"

Acting Secretary

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Acting Secretary

The estimated average spot market rate is \$26.28 per MWh. Manitoba Hydro warrants that the Spot Market Rate has been calculated using approved Public Utilities Board methodology. The expected source(s) of spot market energy is (are): export

SCHEDULE SEP-1

SURPLUS ENERGY PROGRAM RATES

June 15, 2015	to	June 21, 2015				
Tariff No. 50-19 General Service Medium (Utility Owned Trans.)						
Distribution Charge Energy Charge		Peak Hours 0.620 3.921	Shoulder Hours 0.620 2.962	Off Peak Hours 0.620 1.677	cents/kWh cents/kWh	
Tariff No. 50-20 General Service Large 750V not exceeding 30 kV						
Distribution Charge Energy Charge		Peak Hours 0.330 3.869	Shoulder Hours 0.330 2.942	Off Peak Hours 0.330 1.654	cents/kWh cents/kWh	
Tariff No. 50-21 General Service Large 30 kV not exceeding 100 kV						
Distribution Charge Energy Charge		Peak Hours 0.140 3.776	Shoulder Hours 0.140 2.871	Off Peak Hours 0.140 1.615	cents/kWh cents/kWh	
Tariff No. 50-22 General Service Large exceeding 100 kV						
Distribution Charge Energy Charge		Peak Hours 0.060 3.720	Shoulder Hours 0.060 2.829	Off Peak Hours 0.060 1.591	cents/kWh cents/kWh	
Peak Hours		May 1 to October 31 Monday - Friday * 12:01 - 20:00 Hours		November 1 to April 30 Monday - Friday * 7:01-11:00 and 16:01-20:00 Hours		
Shoulder Hours		Monday - Sunday ** 7:01 - 23:00 Hours		Monday - Sunday ** 7:01 - 23:00		
Off Peak Hours		Monday - Sunday 23:01 - 7:00 Hours		Monday - Sunday 23:01 - 7:00 Hours		
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The Basic Monthly Charge is \$50.00 per month for SEP customers with total loads less than or equal to 1000 kVA. The Basic Monthly Charge is \$100.00 per month for SEP customers with total loads greater than 1000 kVA.

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