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Mr. D. Christle
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Dear Mr. Christle:

RE: MANITOBA HYDRO'S 2015 COST OF SERVICE METHODOLOGY REVIEW – WORKSHOP

Manitoba Hydro is in receipt of the questions submitted by Mr. Williams on behalf of the COALITION and Mr. Monnin on behalf of the GSS/GSM customer class on May 9, 2016. The majority of the questions submitted do not request clarification to answers to Information Requests, but rather request a detailed analysis, a comprehensive review of specific components of the model or are questions to which information has already been provided on the record. Manitoba Hydro can advise that it will not be in a position to provide responses to a majority of these questions during the course of the workshop being held from May 11-13.

In PUB Order 26/16 at page 17, the PUB stated that “Following the receipt of answers to Information Requests, Manitoba Hydro is to hold a facilitated workshop at which parties will be able to ask any clarifying questions related to answers to Information Requests or Manitoba Hydro’s filing.” The purpose of the workshop was further reinforced by the PUB appointed facilitator, Bill Grant in his email of May 2, 2016, where he noted that in considering the revised agenda, “the information requests have been extensive and MH has provided considerable detail in its responses. This should assist in limiting the number of questions for parties to understand how MH has completed its COSS and why it chose various functionalizations, classifications and allocations where informed judgment was required.”

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With respect to the list of questions provided by Mr. Williams, prior to Manitoba Hydro being in a position to provide a response, a number of the questions posed require detailed analyses to be undertaken, while others require a comprehensive review of the allocations made within Manitoba Hydro's model. These questions are in the form of detailed second round Information Requests, and the PUB's approved schedule for this process does not provide for a second round of information.

With respect to the list of questions provided by Mr. Monnin, these questions should have been posed as first round Information Requests. In addition, information being requested in a number of the questions posed can be found by reviewing Manitoba Hydro's submission and the responses to Information Requests already provided.

The PUB has already set forth the process for the COSS Review. Manitoba Hydro will proceed in following the process as set forth by the PUB (i.e. providing information at the Workshops and responding to Undertakings) and any additional questions such as those posed by the COALITION and GSS/GSM will be responded to following submission of responses to Undertakings as time permits.

If you have any questions, please contact the writer at 204-360-3633 or Janelle Hammond at 204-360-4161.

Yours truly,

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