The Public Utilities Board

400 – 330 Portage Avenue WINNIPEG MB R3C 0C4

"APPENDIX I"

INTERVENOR REQUEST FORM							
1.	• •		Manitoba Hydro's Cost of Service Methodology Review Application and Rate Related Matters				
2.	Name of Requesting	Party:	Manitoba Metis Federation ('MMF')				
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8. State reasons for the proposed intervention.

The Manitoba Métis Federation

The Métis Nation is one of the Aboriginal Peoples of Canada referred to in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 and the Manitoba Métis Community, is part of the Métis Nation. The Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) is the democratic and self-governing political representative of the Manitoba Métis Community. The MMF promotes, protects and advances the collective rights of approximately 100,000 citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community at the local, regional and provincial levels.

The MMF is organized into 7 province-wide Regions with approximately 134 MMF Locals in communities throughout Manitoba that are located within the 7 MMF Regions. Elected through province-wide ballot-box elections, the MMF Board of Directors is comprised of one President, and one Vice President and two Board of Directors for each of the 7 Regions as well as the Spokesperson of the Infinity Women Secretariat. The history of Manitoba is vitally connected with the history of the Métis as founders of Manitoba.

The MMF's Interest in the Cost of Service Methodology Review Application and Rate Related Matters

The MMF represents over 100,000 residential and small business customers across the province. While the MMF promotes, protects and advances the diverse interests of its members in urban, rural and northern and southern areas of the province, the MMF is particularly concerned about the interests of its low income members in rural areas who rely primarily on electric space heat. Many of these customers are elderly, low income, single-parent families, and young families, struggling to make ends meet.

The MMF is interested in the issues facing customers who are citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community. While the MMF will not speak to the interests of other customers being represented by other interveners, the MMF acknowledges that many of the issues facing customers who are citizens of the Manitoba Métis Community may also be experienced by other customers, and that they may be impacted in similar ways.

9.	State nature of proposed intervention.						
a)	Do you i) ii) iii) iv)	u intend to appear throughout the hearing: to participate in the production of evidence: X to participate in the testing of evidence: X to present final argument: X					
b)	u intend to call witnesses:						
	Yes	X (1) No					
c) If yes to No. 9 b), please list the proposed witnesses:							
	(1) (2)	Name: To be determined Address:					
	(3)	Qualifications:					
	(4)	Subject of submission:					
	Rate design considerations – Residential Conservation R						

10.	Will you be applying for costs under Board Order No. 163/87:					
	Yes	X	No			

11. Comments and other information

The MMF proposes to intervene in the Cost of Service Methodology Review Application portion of the hearings on more of a watching brief. The MMF would arrange to have junior counsel attend hearings, review all relevant documentation, ask questions of panels/witnesses where appropriate and prepare and provide final argument.

For a number of months leading up to these hearings, the MMF has actively participated in working groups related to Cost of Service, Bill Affordability and DSM. The MMF would like the opportunity to expand on what has been discussed in these hearings and work with a consultant skilled in Cost Allocation and Rate Design in order to issue-scope and assist in focusing the MMF's intervention.

As noted in #8 above, there will be distinct issues faced by all-electric customers. These issues will be of particular interest to the MMF. We are aware CAC and MKO may have similar interests and we are proposing to consider these issues in part. We anticipate involvement in rate design considerations, particularly, Residential Conservation Rates, the specifics of which we expect to confirm once we have had the opportunity to discuss this further with a consultant. If it would be helpful to the Board and if there is no duplication with other interveners' evidence – we would propose to call evidence in this area.

Accordingly, the MMF would propose the involvement of one consultant that would, on cost of service, (1) act as a general consultant assisting in the MMF's review of the Application, Minimum Filing Requirements (MFRs), Information Requests; and on rate related matters, (2) review rate related evidence and provide evidence in the area of Residential Conservation Rates.