



## News Release

December 7, 2009

The Public Utilities Board (Board) advises as to the process by which the Board will consider issues related to the operational and other business risks faced by Manitoba Hydro (MH).

MH filed a General Rate Application (GRA) with the Board on December 1, 2009. The Board has since determined that it will hold two Pre- Hearing Conferences, one to deal specifically with the process by which it will address risk issues, and the other to deal with “traditional” GRA matters.

The first conference will be held on December 10, 2009, that to determine the Board’s approach to Hydro’s risk related matters. The second conference will be held on December 22, 2009, and will address the process to be followed at the GRA hearing, which will deal with rates, taking into account risks and the implications of risks for rates. At the latter meeting, the Board will also accept applications for Intervener status and then determine which parties will be accepted as Interveners to the hearing as well as establish a process for the orderly exchange of information during the GRA process.

Notice of the two pre-hearing conferences have been sent to Manitoba Hydro and interveners of past record. Both conferences, which will be held beginning at 10 a.m. on December 10 and December 22 respectively, are open to the public.

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