



## News Release

March 26, 2010

The Public Utilities Board (PUB), following a further Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) held Friday, March 12, 2010, denies intervener status to a New York Consultant (NYC), approves intervener status for the Southern Chiefs Organization Inc., sets a rate structure for the April 1, 2010 2.9% interim rate increase approved by Order 18/10, and sets out a number of procedural directions in relation to Manitoba Hydro's General Rate Application in which the Utility is seeking 2.9% average rate increases on both April 1, 2010 and April 1, 2011.

PUB ruled that the NYC did not meet the required criteria for intervener status. In denying the NYC's application, PUB acknowledged the potential contribution that the NYC might make to the risk review being undertaken as part of this year's proceedings, and outlined a process by which the NYC might contribute effectively to PUB's understanding of MH's risks and risk management.

In setting residential rates, the Board has taken further steps to encourage conservation by increasing the rates to be paid for electricity consumption over 900 kW.h per month by 4.3%, although all users will experience an increase of 2.1% on their consumption up to that level.

The PUB decision is contained in its Order No. 30/10 available on the website at [www.pub.gov.mb.ca](http://www.pub.gov.mb.ca)

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