



News Release

March 8, 2010

The Public Utilities Board (PUB) has scheduled a further Pre Hearing Conference (PHC) for Friday, March 12, 2010 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. By Order 18/10, the PUB approved an interim rate increase of 2.9% effective April 1, 2010.

The PUB previously held PHCs on December 9 and December 22, 2009 to consider the scope of Manitoba Hydro's General Rate Application. In the PUB's Order 17/10 (available at www.pub@gov.mb.ca) issued following the previous PHCs, the PUB determined that a detailed risk and risk management review will proceed as part of Manitoba Hydro's General Rate Application, and approved a roster of interveners.

Since issuing Order 17/10, the PUB has received another application for Intervener status, from a New York Consultant. Because it is customary to allow Manitoba Hydro and other Intervenors to provide the PUB with comments in regards to intervener applications, as well as other procedural matters, the PUB has scheduled another PHC for Friday March 12, 2010 commencing at 9:00 AM in the PUB's Hearing Room.

Prospective interveners can attend in person, through counsel, via teleconference or through written submissions. Attendance is open to the public.

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