THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD NOTICE OF TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF ALLOWABLE FEES FOR CASHING GOVERNMENT CHEQUES

PURSUANT to amendments made to *The Consumer Protection Amendment Act (Government Cheque Cashing Fees),* S.M. 2006 c.17 the Public Utilities Board (Board) conducted public hearings in 2007, 2010 and 2013 towards determining maximum amounts to be charged, required, or accepted as a cheque cashing fee for cheques issued by the federal and provincial governments, local government bodies, and government agencies as designated by regulation. On March 7, 2014, the Board issued its decision (Order 25/14), which is available for viewing on the Board's website, www.pub.gov.mb.ca.

The Act requires that

169(5) The board must review its existing orders under this section at least once every three years. After the review, the board must make a new order that replaces the existing orders.

Such reviews resulted in Board Orders 72/07, 51/10 and 25/14.

The Board has now begun the process of conducting the required triennial review and seeks input from any and all interested parties.

Submissions are to be made in writing to the Public Utilities Board, a) by mail to the Board at 4th Floor 330 Portage Ave., Winnipeg MB R3C OC4, or b) by email to publicutilities@gov.mb.ca. Submissions must be received by the Board on or before May 20, 2016.

Following review of submissions received, the Board will determine whether there is a need for an oral hearing. If not deemed necessary, the Board will deliberate on the fee schedule, taking into account all comments submitted. If a public hearing is deemed to be necessary by the Board, it will begin June 20, 2016, and, in that event, interested parties will be notified and provided with procedural information ahead of the hearing date.

Procedure

The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure apply, and are available on the Board's website and either upon request to the Secretary of the Board (at 400-330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 0C4) or by calling at (204) 945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698 (toll free). The Board's email address is publicutilities@gov.mb.ca.

DATED this 22nd day of April, 2016

Darren Christle Secretary, Public Utilities Board