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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR REVISED ELECTRICITY
RATES AND NOTICE OF
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

APPLICANT: MANITOBA HYDRO

APPLICATION: 2014/15; 2015/16 and 2016/17 General Rate Application

Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for approval to implement a 3.95% across-the-board interim rate increase effective April 1, 2015 and a further 3.95% rate increase effective April 1, 2016. The proposed rate increases will generate additional revenues of \$57 million in fiscal year 2015/16, and \$60 million in fiscal year 2016/17.

A summary of the proposed rate changes and annual electricity bill impacts for the average residential customer (with and without electric space heat) is provided below:

	Energy Rate (¢/kWh)	Basic Charge (\$/month)	Average Annual Electricity Bill (no electric space heat based on 1,000 kWh /month)	Average Annual Electricity Bill (with electric space heat based on 2,000 kWh/month)
Existing Rate ¹	7.381¢	\$7.28	\$973	\$1,859
April 1, 2015 Applied for Rate	7.672¢	\$7.57	\$1,011	\$1,932
April 1, 2016 Applied for Rate	7.975¢	\$7.87	\$1,051	\$2,008

¹ Includes the 2.75% Interim Rate Increase effective May 1, 2014.

Manitoba Hydro is also requesting approval to finalize the 2.75% rate increase approved, on an interim basis, in Order 49/14 and implemented effective May 1, 2014, as well as final approval of any other interim rate Orders issued subsequent to the filing of the Application and prior to conclusion of the proceeding.

Manitoba Hydro is also seeking Board approval to:

1. Implement Time-of-Use rates for the General Service Large (GSL) Customer Class served at greater than 30 kilovolts, effective April 1, 2016, and approval to change the definition of Billing Demand;
2. Finalize Light Emitting Diode (LED) rates for the Area and Roadway Lighting Class, approved on an interim basis in Order 79/14;
3. Rescind the Demand Side Management deferral account for the 2012/13 and 2013/14 fiscal years, established in Order 43/13;
4. Finalize the rate approval process for Option 1 of the Surplus Energy Program (SEP) as approved on an interim basis in Order 43/13; and final approval of all interim *ex-parte* SEP rate orders issued since April 26, 2013 as well as any additional interim *ex-parte* SEP rate orders issued prior to the Board's final order in this matter;
5. Finalize the rate approval process for the Curtailable Rate Program (CRP) as approved on an interim basis in Order 43/13; and finalize interim *ex-parte* Order 46/14 as well as any additional interim *ex-parte* CRP rate orders issued prior to the Board's final order in this matter; and,
6. Finalize the Interim Orders related to the four remote communities served by diesel generation, as outlined in Manitoba Hydro's Application.

**PARTICULARS
OF APPLICATION:**

Full particulars of this Application can be obtained by interested parties from:

Manitoba Hydro
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The Public Utilities Board
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An electronic version of the Application is located at:

http://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/electric/grs_2014_2015/index.shtml

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION AS
AN INTERVENER:**

The public may participate in this review as an Intervener. Interveners provide evidence to the Board and are subject to cross-examination by the Applicant and other Interveners. Those seeking Intervener status should file their application with the Board by February 3, 2015. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance. The Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines and Application forms. These Rules can be seen at the Board's website (www.pub.gov.mb.ca) or obtained on request to the Board, by e-mailing (publicutilities@gov.mb.ca), writing to the above address, or calling the Board Secretary (204-945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free).

**PUBLIC
PARTICIPATION
AS A PRESENTER:**

The Public is welcome to provide written submissions to the Board on the proposed rate increases. Written submissions should be received by May 1, 2015. The public may also present their views orally to the Board during the Hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral submissions to the Board should contact the Board Secretary by May 1, 2015.

**PRE-HEARING
CONFERENCE:**

The Board will convene a Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) on February 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in its Hearing Room, 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The purpose of the Pre-Hearing Conference is to identify the interveners and their reasons for intervention, provide an opportunity for interveners to cooperate and avoid duplication of interventions, finalize a timetable for the orderly exchange of evidence and information, and to determine the issues and scope of the public review and hearing process.

Persons wishing to address this Pre-Hearing Conference in French are required to notify the Board's Secretary prior to February 3, 2015.

VARIATION:

The Board may make an Order granting the Application in whole or in part, or may order such other remedies as the Board deems appropriate.

DATED this 20th day of January, 2015.

Darren Christle, MPA, B.A., CCLP, P. Log., MCIT
Secretary/Executive Director
The Public Utilities Board

Wheelchair access is available



Five days notice required

