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Honourable Reg Helwer
343 Legislative Building
450 Broadway
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V8

Dear Minister Helwer:

Re: 2021-22 Annual Report, Public Utilities Board of Manitoba

Pursuant to subsection 109(1) of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, and on behalf of all Board members and staff, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Public Utilities Board of Manitoba (“PUB” or “the Board”) for the year ended March 31, 2022.

The year under review was PUB’s 109th year of proud service to Manitoba.

This was another unusual year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. PUB work continued uninterrupted through a combination of in-person interactions and the effective use of technology.

As of March 31, 2022, the Board had a staff of nine employees for Board administration, operations and assisting with filings. The Board was also assisted by advisors and by approved interveners for filings before the Board and in proceedings. Various other individuals presented evidence before the Board during its proceedings, either as witnesses, independent experts, subject-matter experts or presenters. As a result of all these contributions, PUB achieved the results of its operational priorities for 2021-22, as outlined in this report.

Thank you to you and the members of your department for your support of the Board’s work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Gabor".

Robert Gabor, Q.C
Chair

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Annual Report of Public Utilities Board for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Section 109 (1) of *The Public Utilities Board Act* requires the following:

Within two months after the end of each fiscal year, the Board must make a report to the minister on its activities during that fiscal year. The report must include:

- (a) summaries of the findings contained in all orders made pursuant to applications to the board;
- (b) the number and nature of orders made pursuant to inquiries which it has held of its own motion;
- (c) the number of licences, permits, and certificates, issued and the fees collected by the board;
- (d) such other matters as the Lieutenant Governor in Council directs.

The purpose of this Annual Report is to fulfill the requirements of Section 109(1) of the Act and to summarize the priorities set and results achieved by PUB in the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Reports on the findings in major applications received and acted upon during the fiscal year are included in the sections on the priorities related to each area (Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd., Manitoba Public Insurance, Water and Wastewater Utilities). A summary of the findings, number and nature of Orders made pursuant to applications is in Appendix A. A report on licenses issued and fees collected by the Board is in Appendix B.

PUB held no inquiries of its own motion and the Lieutenant Governor in Council did not direct reporting on any additional matters.

About PUB

Mandate

PUB is an independent quasi-judicial administrative tribunal operating under the authority of the Manitoba Legislature. PUB regulates utility sectors to protect the interests of Manitobans where competitive market forces do not exist. The stakeholders of PUB are consumers of PUB-regulated utilities, as well as utilities and governments. While the current *Public Utilities Board Act* was passed in 1959, PUB has regulated services under other legislation since 1913.

PUB has a specific mandate based on its enabling legislation, as set out in Appendix C. It acts as a rate-setting tribunal for various public utilities. It establishes just and reasonable rates for the provision of electricity by Manitoba Hydro, for natural gas supplied by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., for propane supplied by Stittco Utilities Man Ltd., for rate bases and premiums charged for compulsory driver and basic vehicle insurance provided by Manitoba Public Insurance and for rates charged by most of the water and/or wastewater utilities in Manitoba, excluding the City of Winnipeg. In each rate application, PUB balances the interest of the ratepayers and the financial health of the utility.

PUB also regulates private natural gas marketers and monitors the construction and operation of gas pipelines that are subject to provincial jurisdiction.

As a quasi-judicial administrative tribunal, PUB conducts hearings and reports to the government as requested on Payday Loans & Government Cheque Cashing, and hears appeals of Water Services Board decisions and from individuals who have been disconnected from water and/or wastewater utilities or from natural gas or propane services.

PUB also undertakes other reviews, such as the review of the Efficiency Manitoba Plan for 2020-2023, as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Government.

Rules of Practice and Procedure

PUB adheres to relevant legislation and its Rules of Practice and Procedure:
http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/pdf/pandp/rules_pandp_mar07.pdf

This framework provides assurance and guidance to regulated utilities providers, interveners, Members of the Legislative Assembly, governments, and other interested parties about PUB's management of its processes.

PUB Vision, Mission and Values

The Board operates according to its vision, mission and values.

Vision: The Board is a trusted, respected regulator that contributes to fair rate determinations and long-term, reliable utility services for Manitobans.

Mission: The Board makes decisions based on efficient, transparent regulatory processes and communicates its decisions in a timely manner.

Values: The Board is independent, impartial and objective, transparent, accessible to all Manitobans, supports a respectful work environment and focuses on the public interest.

Board Membership

The Government of Manitoba, through the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, appoints all Board members at pleasure. The terms of the Board members continue until terminated by Order-in-Council. As at March 31, 2022, the full-time Chair and eight part-time members were:

| Member | Date of Appointment | Term Expiry |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Robert Gabor, Q.C. (Chair) | September 6, 2016 | September 6, 2021 |
| Marilyn Kapitany (Vice-Chair) | July 23, 2012 | July 23, 2021 |
| Hugh Grant | December 18, 2013 | December 18, 2021 |
| Larry Ring, Q.C. | June 8, 2016 | September 20, 2021 |
| Susan Nemec | June 8, 2016 | September 20, 2019 |
| Sharon McKay | September 21, 2016 | September 20, 2019 |
| Shawn McCutcheon | September 21, 2016 | September 20, 2019 |
| Michael Watson | April 5, 2017 | March 21, 2020 |
| Irene Hamilton, Q.C. | September 6, 2017 | September 6, 2020 |

Board Staff

Darren Christle, PhD., CCLP, P. Log., MCIT, Secretary and Executive Director

Rachel McMillin, B.Sc., Associate Secretary

Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA, Assistant Associate Secretary

Frederick Mykytyshyn, B. Com. (Hons), Assistant Associate Secretary

Angela Wilde, Manager of Stakeholder Relations

Diana Villegas, Administrative Officer

Denise Carrière, Executive Coordinator

Kristen Schubert, Judicial Hearing Assistant

Vacant, Receptionist

Advisors

Under *The Public Utilities Board Act*, PUB has the authority to retain advisors to assist in fulfilling its obligations.

PUB relies on expert advisors from the fields of accounting, actuarial science, engineering, information technology (IT) and law. Regular advisors for the Board as at March 31, 2022 were:

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Accounting | Roger Cathcart, Cathcart Advisors Inc. Kevin Yang, Cathcart Advisors Inc. |
| Actuarial Science | Blair Manktelow, Eckler Ltd. |
| Engineering | Brady Ryall, Ryall Engineering Ltd. David Bonin, Ryall Engineering Ltd. |
| Legal | Robert Peters, Fillmore Riley LLP Kathleen McCandless, Pitblado LLP Robert Watchman, Pitblado LLP Kara Moore, Pitblado LLP |
| IT | Marc Caron, Paradyme Consulting Inc. Sunil Bridgelall, Paradyme Consulting Inc. |

Financial Results

PUB's budget is determined through the government's appropriation process. The Board's expenses are paid out of its budget appropriation. Unspent appropriated funds in one year are not accumulated in PUB's budget for the following year.

The Board spent a total of \$1.263 million in 2021-22, compared to \$1.317 million in 2020-21. The actual expenditures reflect PUB's operating costs, salaries and benefits costs.

**Public Utilities Board
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
As of March 31, 2022**

| | 2021-22 (\$000's) | 2020-21 (\$000's) |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sources of funding | | |
| Sub-appropriation | \$1,615 | \$1,629 |
| | \$1,615 | \$1,629 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Salaries & Per Diems | \$998 | \$993 |
| Rate Regulation and Safety Related Costs | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| General Overheads (rent, technology, utilities, etc.) | \$265 | \$324 |
| | \$1,263 | \$1,317 |
| Excess (Shortfall) of Revenues Over Expenses ¹ | \$(352) | \$(312) |

| Net Government Funding of PUB | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------------|--|----------|---------------|
| Appropriation Spent by PUB ¹ | \$1,263 | | | \$ 1,317 | |
| Fees Collected by PUB ² | \$989 | | | \$ 1,111 | |
| Net Government Funding to PUB | | \$ 274 | | | \$ 206 |

¹Expenses of PUB are paid out of the departmental appropriation.

² PUB fees are paid by utilities and licensees into the Consolidated Revenue Fund via the Minister of Finance.

Regulatory Costs

Regulation is a way to address the natural monopoly position of utilities. The laws, rules, and requirements that regulators enforce act as a substitute for the economic forces that would provide the checks and balances if these utilities operated in a competitive market. In this way, regulation protects the interests of ratepayers.

Regulation by PUB and similar regulators adds value through transparent evidence-based processes that not only protect ratepayers, but also ensure that utilities remain viable by setting just and reasonable rates.

PUB has a small staff and relies on advisors and interveners to supplement its resources at hearings, which allows it to fulfill its regulatory responsibilities. The following table provides a comparison in terms of full time equivalent positions (FTEs) and budgets of PUB to other utility regulators that set rates in Canada where the province or territory pays for the operational costs of the regulator. As noted in the table, the Manitoba PUB has relatively few FTEs and a lower budget than its counterparts in other Canadian jurisdictions.

| Human Resource and Budget Comparisons Regulating Jurisdictions* | | |
|--|------|--------------------|
| Province/Territory | FTEs | Budget (x,000,000) |
| Alberta | 143 | 35.4 |
| British Columbia | 41 | 9.1 |
| Manitoba | 9 | 1.4 |
| New Brunswick | 25 | 3.2 |
| Newfoundland | 18 | 2.6 |
| Northwest Territories | 16 | 2.5 |
| Nova Scotia | 40 | 5.9 |
| Ontario | 191 | 40 |
| Prince Edward Island | 21 | 3.0 |
| Québec | 79 | 16.1 |
| Yukon Territory | N/A | N/A |

*Based on annual reports of the jurisdictions.

As noted above, to supplement its staff, PUB retains advisors and relies on the participation of interveners at hearings. Following standard utility regulatory practices, the costs are paid by the applicants.

The following tables set out the total hearing costs referred by the Board to applicants at Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas, and Manitoba Public Insurance for the past two fiscal years, including the costs of advisors and interveners.

Fiscal 2021/22

| Utility | Advisor Costs | Intervener Costs | Court Reporter | Working Lunches | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| MB Hydro | 308,284.24 | * | 5,586.20 | 1,006.15 | 314,876.59 |
| Centra Gas | 258,739.43 | 46,602.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 305,341.43 |
| MPI | 703,332.29 | 488,426.39 | 19,857.80 | 2,014.75 | 1,213,631.23 |
| <i>*Intervener costs pending</i> | | | | TOTAL | 1,833,849.25 |

Fiscal 2020/21

| Utility | Advisor Costs | Intervener Costs | Court Reporter | Working Lunches | TOTAL |
|------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| MB Hydro | 254,966.74 | 7,186.14 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 262,152.88 |
| Centra Gas | 278,258.33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 73.84 | 278,332.17 |
| MPI | 783,345.38 | 374,998.36 | 18,717.00 | 1,725.09 | 1,178,785.83 |
| | | | | TOTAL | 1,719,270.88 |

Regulatory Fees

All regulators assess fees to facilitate the operation of effective regulatory systems. Fees are assessed to each Utility, to applicants for licenses, such as Gas Brokers, and may be assessed to other parties who come before the Board. The fees are payable to the Minister of Finance and are added to the Manitoba Government's Consolidated Revenue Funds. The fees are set out in the Public Utilities Board Fees Regulation and amendments as prescribed by PUB pursuant to s. 57 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*. The fee schedule has remained unchanged since 1994.

Collected Fees

| Type of fee | 2021-22 | 2020-21 |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Regulatory - MB Hydro | 311,364.96 | 311,364.96 |
| Regulatory - Centra Gas | 394,250.04 | 394,250.04 |
| Regulatory - MPI | 233,523.72 | 311,364.96 |
| Regulatory - Sittco | 4,000.08 | 2,000.04 |
| Board Orders | 17,100.00 | 16,850.00 |
| Gas Broker Licences | 7,000.00* | 3,500.00 |
| W & WW Annual Utility | 21,900.00 | 22,500.00 |
| Total | 982,138.80 | 1,061,830.00 |

**Includes initial broker licence fee*

Public Utilities Board Strategic Priorities for 2020-2023 and Report on Operational Priorities for 2021-22

PUB's Strategic Plan guides the work of the organization. The Board is in the final year of its three-year plan for 2020-2023, and will be developing its next strategic plan during this fiscal year. The new plan will become effective on April 1, 2023. The full Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 is in Appendix D.

PUB Strategic Priorities for 2020-2023

1. Excellence in the provision of regulatory decisions;
2. Effective communications and relationships;
3. Efficient internal operations; and
4. PUB 2023 and beyond.

PUB Operational Priorities for 2021-22

Operational priorities are developed each year to implement the Board's strategic priorities. The purpose of this report is to outline the progress achieved on PUB operational priorities for 2021-22.

The following PUB operational priorities for 2021-22 were approved by the Board in March 2021. The results from each priority are summarized below.

External priorities:

- 1. Address rate applications from major utilities, as well as Manitoba Public Insurance, as filed.**

Applications were received from Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd. and Manitoba Public Insurance.

Manitoba Hydro

Manitoba Hydro is a provincial Crown Corporation that delivers reliable electric energy to customers in Manitoba and sells surplus electricity on the export market. In addition to the major 2021-22 applications noted below, weekly applications approving Surplus Energy Program Rates were also approved by the board.

Manitoba Hydro filed an interim rate application on November 15, 2021, as an urgent measure to address drought conditions affecting the province, and to deal with revenue requirements related to capital expenditures. The Application requested a 5% rate increase in General Consumer Revenue for January 1, 2022. PUB dealt with the application in an expedited fashion. Based on the evidence provided, Order 137/21 released December 24, 2021 provided rates resulting in a 3.6% revenue increase for January 1, 2022, with reasons to follow. In Order 9/22 released on January 26, 2022, PUB set out further reasons for the decisions in Order 137/21.

On February 25, 2022, Manitoba Hydro filed a Request to Review and Vary a number of provisions in Order 9/22. Interveners were asked to comment on the request. The adjudication of this issue will take place in 2022-23.

Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.

Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Manitoba Hydro. The Board regulates all aspects of Centra's operations, including capital expenditures and the rates charged by Centra for the transportation and distribution of natural gas, as well as the rates charged for gas commodity. In addition to the 2021-22 applications noted below, the Board monitored natural gas pipeline safety activities related to Centra's operations.

Centra filed a Cost of Service Study Methodology Review application on June 15, 2021. The purpose of the review is to identify the costs of serving Centra's different customer classes based on the nature of the costs that are incurred and the services that are provided. The process to hear this application is underway and it will be adjudicated in 2022-23.

Centra filed a Rate Rebundling application on March 23, 2021. The purpose of the application was to revise the natural gas rate structure and to simplify customers' gas bills. A paper process to review the request resulted in Order 131/21, which was released on December 2, 2021. The changes from this Order will become effective on November 1, 2022, the beginning of the next natural gas year.

Centra also filed quarterly applications for primary gas rates. Rates for primary gas became effective on May 1 (Order 47/21), August 1 (Order 83/21) and November 1 (Order 117/21) of 2021 and on February 1, 2022 (Order 6/22).

Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd.

Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd. (Stittco) provides propane distribution services to customers in Flin Flon, Snow Lake, The Pas and Thompson. The Board regulates Stittco's commodity (propane) and non-commodity (transportation and distribution) rates to customers. The Board also monitors propane pipeline safety activities related to Stittco's operations, including Churchill.

Stittco filed quarterly propane commodity rate applications for rates effective May 1 (Order 48/21) and August 1 (Order 84/21), an application for commodity and non-commodity rates (a general rate application) for rates effective on November 1, 2021 (Order 122/21) and a quarterly commodity rate application for rates effective February 1, 2022 (Order 7/22).

Manitoba Public Insurance

Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) was established in 1971 as the monopoly provider of basic motor vehicle insurance. Pursuant to *The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act*, PUB approves just and reasonable rates and premiums charged for basic compulsory driver and vehicle insurance (Basic) provided by MPI.

Manitoba vehicle owners are required to purchase MPI's Basic insurance, which includes all-perils coverage for accidental damage to most registered vehicles, third party liability for claims if a registered vehicle injures other people elsewhere in Canada or the United States or damages the property of other people anywhere in Canada or the United States, and Personal Injury Protection Plan (PIPP) for injury or death caused by a vehicle.

Unlike other utilities regulated by PUB, MPI's rates are in force only for an insurance year (April 1 to March 31) and an annual rate hearing is required.

On June 28, 2021, MPI filed its 2022/23 General Rate Application. On December 15, 2021, Order 134/21 approved an overall 1.57% decrease to basic compulsory motor vehicle premiums effective April 1, 2022, and ordered a rebate of \$312 million.

On January 14, 2022, MPI filed a Request to Review and Vary a number of directives from the December 2021 Order 134/21. On February 28, 2022, in Order 21/22, the Board granted a number of the directives and dismissed other requests for variances.

On March 29, 2022, MPI filed an application for leave to appeal some of the directives from Order 134/21 with the Manitoba Court of Appeal.

2. Continue to implement strategies and practical processes to improve the water and wastewater rate review system.

PUB has rate and other regulatory responsibilities for all of Manitoba's water and/or wastewater utilities. The City of Winnipeg Charter excludes Winnipeg from the Board's jurisdiction to approve rates for water and wastewater used by ratepayers in the City of Winnipeg. This exclusion extends to rates being charged for services the City of Winnipeg provides to other jurisdictions.

Water utilities are public utilities as defined in *The Public Utilities Board Act* and their regulation is mandatory. Wastewater utilities must be declared by the Board to be a public utility to be regulated. A general declaration was made to this effect in Order 93/09.

The Board reviewed 50 water and/or wastewater applications and processed 49 corresponding Board Orders issued in 2021-22. Board staff implemented a process

to ensure that applications are complete before they entered the queue. The new process significantly shortened the time an application is in the queue.

The backlog timeframe has been reduced as follows:

| Time in queue | March 31, 2022 | April 5, 2019 |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Over 2 years | 0 | 1 |
| Between 18 - 24 months | 0 | 3 |
| Between 12 - 17 months | 3 | 9 |
| Between 10 - 11 months | 2 | 3 |
| Between 7 - 9 months | 4 | 7 |
| Less than 6 months | 20 | 25 |
| Total | 29 | 48 |

3. Increase the use of the simplified filing process for water and wastewater applications through awareness building and support to eligible Utilities.

Introduced in 2017, the Simplified Filing Process expedites rate applications for municipally owned water and/or wastewater utilities that meet the criteria set in Order 86/17. Compliant utilities may request Board approval of rate increases up to 3% without submitting a full rate application. Simplified rate applications streamline the filing process for eligible utilities. Also, simplified filings have a shorter turnaround time and therefore allow Board staff to focus resources on utilities that require more assistance.

Six simplified water and/or wastewater filing applications were processed and resulted in six rate Orders in 2021-22, compared to one simplified filing application in 2020-21.

4. Complete and have available a series of webinars for water and wastewater applications, including deficits, simplified filing and updated Board Guidelines.

Webinars were developed by Board staff to deal with the issues of utility operating deficits, and to provide information on the simplified filing application process that is available to water and/or wastewater utilities that meet certain criteria. A webinar on the water and/or wastewater utility rate application guide was conducted and streamed live with active participants. The live streamed session was also recorded and posted on the Board's website. PUB has received positive feedback on the webinars. More simplified filings were received in 2021-22 as a result of the webinar on that process.

5. Continue to work with stakeholders to develop and implement policies and processes to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the pre-hearing and hearing processes.

As a result of the pandemic, no formal discussions took place in 2021-22. However, numerous conversations took place, and many suggestions were received on how to improve PUB processes. Suggestions were implemented where feasible. The expedited Manitoba Hydro Interim Rate Application is one example of a hearing process that stakeholders helped to shape.

A Stakeholder Relations manager was hired in late 2021-22 and a committee of the Board was established to help move forward on this priority.

6. Continue to follow up on directives from prior PUB Orders and to address outstanding compliance issues.

Board Orders form an important part of the regulatory framework designed to protect rate payers. Board Orders may be found at <http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/proceedings-decisions/orders/index.html>. As in other jurisdictions, when a Board Order is issued, an applicant is required to comply with the directives in the Order, seek a request for a review and variance from the Board, or seek leave to appeal the Board's decision from the Manitoba Court of Appeal. Ignoring a Board Order is not an option.

The Board regularly reviewed outstanding compliance issues regarding Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas, MPI and water and/or wastewater utilities and took action as required. Based on a Board decision, outstanding Board directives were listed in rate Orders. In addition, Orders stated that the Board has the discretion to refuse to process applications if there are outstanding directives. This new process will continue as an ongoing practice.

7. Upon direction of the responsible Minister, prepare to conduct public hearings on Payday Loans & Government Cheque Cashing and to report the results to the Government.

There was no request in 2021-22 to conduct public hearings on Payday Loans & Government Cheque Cashing.

8. Taking into consideration the views of major Utilities and interveners of record, approve and implement a revised policy and procedures to deal with the granting of status, and the funding of interveners in PUB processes.

The interim intervener policy regarding granting of status and funding of interveners was fully deployed. A corresponding intervener budget process was implemented to

clarify the information required from interveners when making initial applications for funding.

9. Develop and implement a revised process for dealing with Commercially Sensitive Information.

PUB dealt with requests that information remain confidential on a case-by-case basis following Rule 13 of its Rules of Practices and Procedure.

10. Continue to employ technology solutions to encourage distance participation of witnesses and the public in PUB processes.

Significant use of the robust technology in the PUB hearing room allowed testimony and participation by the public and Board members in hearing processes on electric and water/wastewater matters, and in the MPI hearings.

This included hybrid hearings for MPI, Manitoba Hydro and Centra Gas, where some participants were present in the PUB Hearing Room, and others took part virtually. This was especially important during the pandemic, as it allowed rate and other applications to proceed without delay. It also allowed witnesses to present evidence and presenters to share their views.

11. Continue to meet with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM), the Manitoba Municipal Administrators' Association (MMAA) and with other stakeholders as required, to build better mutual understanding with members.

A Technical Working Group (TWG) with representatives from PUB, AMM and MMAA was formed in 2019. As a result of the pandemic, limited in-person engagement took place, but virtual discussions facilitated ongoing dialogue.

The last meeting was held on November 5, 2021. The TWG met to discuss the issue of drought and PUB's role as a rate regulator, current application processes, challenges in reviewing utility operations and the conduct of PUB-lead training sessions. As a result, PUB staff gave a presentation on Utility Frequently Asked Questions at the 2022 MMAA Convention in April 2022.

12. Monitor the results of Efficiency Manitoba as required following the decision of Government regarding the PUB report and recommendations on the Efficiency Manitoba Plan for 2020 – 2023.

In prior years, when the Board addressed electricity and natural gas applications, it considered energy efficiency plans, emphasizing the need for improved customer awareness of energy efficiency programs and the savings that could be achieved by insulation and furnace upgrades. PUB also emphasized the need to make energy efficiency programs accessible to low-income ratepayers as a means of mitigating

the impact of future electricity rate increases. In 2020, authority for energy efficiency plans moved to Efficiency Manitoba under *The Efficiency Manitoba Act*. As a result of that statute, PUB was directed by the Provincial Government to review Efficiency Manitoba's initial efficiency plan and provide a report with recommendations to the Minister responsible. PUB provided the report which was accepted as of April 1, 2020, with regular reviews of future activities to follow.

The Provincial Government extended the requirement for Efficiency Manitoba to file a plan on their future activities by one year. As a result, PUB was not required to review the plan in 2021-22. However, PUB continued its oversight role and was in frequent communication with Efficiency Manitoba.

Internal PUB priorities:

1. Revise the succession plan for PUB staff.

The plan was revised and activated by utilizing a competitive recruitment process to fill vacant positions.

2. Update the inventory of issues and report on the status of each area of PUB responsibility to the Board on a regular basis.

The status of energy, water and/or wastewater and MPI issues was reported by staff at Board meetings held in 2021-22.

3. Identify and monitor the status of PUB directives to Utilities, and report to the Board on a regular basis.

The status of PUB directives was presented at a meeting of the full Board in 2021-22. The status was updated and will be posted on the PUB website. Directives relating to specific utilities, such as Manitoba Hydro and Centra Gas, as well as to MPI, were discussed with the Board panels responsible for those areas and included in General Rate Application Orders.

4. Increase the focus on education and training to address frequently occurring issues in water utility applications.

As a result of the pandemic, one formal training session took place in 2021-22. Numerous virtual and telephone discussions took place to keep staff and Board members current on emerging issues.

5. Monitor the succession plans of PUB advisers. Review and address, to the extent possible, the risk that PUB advisors may not be readily available to advise PUB.

As part of the annual review of PUB advisors, which was conducted by a committee of the Board in February 2022, the succession plan of each advisor was examined. Each advisor received feedback on their succession plan. The purpose of the feedback was to ensure the risk to PUB that advisors may not be available to provide service was mitigated to the greatest extent possible.

6. Monitor the ongoing involvement and the performance of PUB advisors, including requiring annual reporting against established objectives and retrospective reviews of all major processes to facilitate continuous improvement.

Each PUB advisor submitted a report detailing their progress against objectives established for 2021. The annual review of each PUB advisor was conducted by a committee of the Board in February 2022. Feedback was provided to each advisor to evaluate the quality of the advice being received by PUB, and to suggest improvements where required. An advisor project budget process was developed and implemented to manage costs and deliver greater value for dollar to the regulatory system.

7. Undertake pandemic and post-pandemic planning to ensure PUB meets Government requirements while maintaining an efficient regulatory schedule.

Plans to meet Government pandemic requirements were developed and implementation began in 2020-21. As a result of significant prior work on information technology infrastructure, PUB was well-positioned to continue deploying Government pandemic policies in 2021-22 without disruption to processes or output. There were no delays, and participation in Board processes continued by the public, utilities, staff and Board members. Late in 2021-22, post-pandemic plans for 2022-23 were developed for implementation as the pandemic situation allows.

8. Prepare a risk matrix to identify potential risks to PUB operations and develop mitigation strategies for each.

Risks were identified and managed on an ongoing basis for major issues such as the pandemic and the availability of advisors to facilitate the work of the Board. PUB requires a formal risk process and will develop one in concert with the next PUB strategic plan.

APPENDIX A – SUMMARY OF BOARD ORDERS ISSUED IN 2021-22

Overview of Board Orders

All Orders issued by the Board are posted on PUB's website, located at: <http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/proceedings-decisions/orders/index.html>.

Some rate applications approved by the Board are adjudicated based on formulas for calculating rates. Manitoba Hydro's weekly surplus energy rates, Stittco's propane gas rates, and Centra's quarterly Primary Gas rates are calculated on such a basis. These applications are decided on an *ex parte* (without public consultation) basis and finalized in General Rate Applications.

Applications may be made by the utility or affected parties requesting that PUB review and vary its decisions. Board decisions on a Review and Vary Application may be appealed by way of a leave application to the Manitoba Court of Appeal.

During the 2021-22 fiscal year, the Board issued 132 Orders and 8 gas broker licences, compared to 148 Orders and 7 licences in 2020-21. For more details, see the table on page 21.

Orders Issued 2021-22

| | 2021-22 | 2020-21 | |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Regulated Industry Orders | | | |
| Water and Sewer Utilities | | | |
| Applications for rates | 25 | | 23 |
| Applications to address deficits | 9 | | 14 |
| Applications to address rates and deficits | 10 | | 7 |
| Review and Vary decisions | 2 | | 5 |
| Miscellaneous, including complaints | 3 | <u>49</u> | 7 <u>56</u> |
| Manitoba Hydro | | | |
| Electricity operations | 59 | | 59 |
| Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | 10 | <u>69</u> | 8 <u>67</u> |
| Natural Gas, Propane Utilities and Pipelines | | | |
| Stittco Utilities Man Ltd. | 4 | | 4 |
| Pipeline gas safety | 0 | <u>4</u> | 0 <u>4</u> |
| Manitoba Public Insurance | 10 | <u>10</u> | 16 <u>16</u> |
| <i>The Highways Protection Act</i> | 0 | | 0 |
| Fees for cashing Government Cheques | 0 | | 0 |
| Maximum Charges for Payday Loans | 0 | | 0 |
| Efficiency Manitoba | 0 | | 4 <u>4</u> |
| Orders made of PUB's own motion | 0 | | 1 <u>1</u> |
| Total number of Orders issued | 132 | | 148 |

Summary of Board Orders Issued in 2021-22

| Order | Applicant | Summary |
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| 42/21 | Town of Minnedosa | Town of Minnedosa – Minnedosa Water and Wastewater Utility – Approval to Withdraw Rate Application |
| 43/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of April 12, 2021 to April 18, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 44/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of April 19, 2021 to April 25, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 45/21 | Rural Municipality of St. Francois Xavier | Rural Municipality of St. Francois Xavier – St. Francois Xavier Water and Wastewater Utility – Revised Water and Wastewater Rates effective April 1, 2021 – Simplified Rate Application |
| 46/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of April 26, 2021 to May 2, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 47/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. - Primary Gas Rate Application, Effective May 1, 2021 |
| 48/21 | Stittco Utilities Man. Ltd. | Stittco Utilities Man Ltd. - Propane Rates Effective May 1, 2021 |
| 49/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of May 3, 2021 to May 9, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 50/21 | Manitoba Hydro | Manitoba Hydro - Interim Ex Parte Approval Curtailable Rate Program Reference Discount, Effective April 1, 2021 |
| 51/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | An Application By Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. - To Review And Vary Directive 2 Of Order 130/20 - Filing Date Of Cost Of Service Study Methodology Review Application |
| 52/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of May 10, 2021 to May 16, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 53/21 | Manitoba Hydro | Order in Respect of The Consumers Coalition's Application for a Manitoba Hydro Status Update Hearing |
| 54/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of May 17, 2021 to May 23, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 55/21 | RM of St. Andrews | Rural Municipality of St. Andrews - St Andrews South Wastewater Utility - Initial Interim Wastewater Rates |
| 56/21 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Manitoba Public Insurance - Interim Procedural Order Respecting Preliminary Issues List for 2022 General Rate Application for Compulsory 2022/2023 Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums and Other Matters |

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| 57/21 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Manitoba Public Insurance - Compulsory 2020/2021 Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums and Other Matters - Variation Of Order 176/19 |
| 58/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of May 24, 2021 to May 30, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 59/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of May 31, 2021 to June 6, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 60/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of Jun 7, 2021 to June 13, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 61/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of Jun 14, 2021 to June 20, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 62/21 | Municipality of Grassland | Municipality of Grassland – Elgin Water and Wastewater Utility – Revised Rates and Actual Operating Deficits |
| 63/21 | Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone | Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone – Yellowhead Regional Water Utility – 2017 and 2019 Actual Operating Deficit Recovery |
| 64/21 | Municipality of Rossburn | Municipality of Rossburn – Rossburn Water and Wastewater Utility – Water and Wastewater Rates – 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 Operating Deficits |
| 65/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of Jun 21, 2021 to June 27, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 66/21 | Municipality of Grassland | Municipality of Grassland – Minto Water and Wastewater Utility – Revised Rates and Actual Operating Deficits |
| 67/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of Jun 28, 2021 to July 4, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 68/21 | Town of Carberry | Town of Carberry – Carberry Wastewater Utility – 2019 Actual Operating Deficit Recovery |
| 69/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | Procedural Order in Respect of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s Rate Rebundling Application |
| 70/21 | Municipality of Grassland | Municipality of Grassland – Hartney Water and Wastewater Utility – Revised Rates and Actual Operating Deficits |
| 71/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of July 5, 2021 to July 11, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 72/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of July 12, 2021 to July 18, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |

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| 73/21 | Prairie View Municipality | Prairie View Municipality - Birtle Water and Wastewater Utility – Interim <i>Ex Parte</i> Water and Wastewater Rates – Actual Operating Deficits for 2017 and 2019 - Budgeted Deficit for 2020 |
| 74/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of July 19, 2021 to July 25, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 75/21 | Rural Municipality of Dufferin | Rural Municipality of Dufferin – Dufferin Stephenfield Water Utility – 2018 Actual Operating Deficit |
| 76/21 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Manitoba Public Insurance - Procedural Order for the 2022/23 General Rate Application |
| 77/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | Second Procedural Order in Respect of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s Rate Rebundling Application |
| 78/21 | Rural Municipality of Stanley | Rural Municipality Of Stanley - Stanley Water Utility - Revised Water Rates Effective October 1, 2021 - Simplified Rate Application |
| 79/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of July 26, 2021 to July 30, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 80/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | First Procedural Order in Respect of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s Cost Of Service Study Methodology Review Application |
| 81/21 | Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie | Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie Water and Wastewater Utility Water and Wastewater Rates |
| 82/21 | Town of Snow Lake | Order Respecting the Town Of Snow Lake - Snow Lake Water and Wastewater Utility Request to Review and Vary of Board Order No. 164/19 - 2019 Actual Operating Deficits |
| 83/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. - Primary Gas Rate Application, Effective August 1, 2021 |
| 84/21 | Stittco Utilities Man. Ltd. | Stittco Utilities Man Ltd. - Propane Rates Effective August 1, 2021 |
| 85/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of August 2, 2021 to August 8, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 86/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of August 9, 2021 to August 15, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 87/21 | Town of Carberry | Town of Carberry – Carberry Wastewater Utility – Revised Wastewater Rates – Simplified Rate Application |
| 88/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of August 16, 2021 to August 22, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 89/21 | Manitoba Hydro | Second Order in Respect of the Consumers Coalition's Application for a Manitoba Hydro Status Update Hearing |
| 90/21 | Rural Municipality of Brokenhead | Rural Municipality of Brokenhead - Local Urban District Of Tyndall-Garson Water And Wastewater Utility Revised Rates |

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| 91/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of August 23, 2021 to August 29, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 92/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of August 30, 2021 to September 5, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 93/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of September 6, 2021 to 12, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 94/21 | Rural Municipality of West Interlake | Rural Municipality of West Interlake – Ashern Water and Wastewater Utility – Request for Revised Rates |
| 95/21 | Rural Municipality of West Interlake | Rural Municipality of West Interlake – Eriksdale Wastewater Utility – Revised Rates and 2018 Actual Operating Deficit |
| 96/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of September 13, 2021 to 19, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 97/21 | City of Thompson | Decision on Complaint Filed by Mr. Volker Beckmann against the City of Thompson |
| 98/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of September 20, 2021 to 26, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 99/21 | Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone | Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone – Yellowhead Regional Utility – Revised Water Rates – Simplified Rate Application |
| 100/21 | Municipality of North Norfolk | Municipality of North Norfolk – Austin Water and Wastewater Utility, MacGregor Water and Wastewater Utility, Rural Water Utility – Pass Through Authorization |
| 101/21 | Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone | The Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone – Gladstone Water and Wastewater Utility, Plumas Water and Wastewater Utility and Yellowhead Regional Water Utility – Pass Through Authorization |
| 102/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of September 27, 2021 to October 3, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 103/21 | City of Dauphin | City of Dauphin – Dauphin Water and Wastewater Utility – Revised Rates |
| 104/21 | City of Selkirk | City of Selkirk – Selkirk Water and Wastewater Utility – Cost Allocation Methodology |
| 105/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of October 4, 2021 to October 10, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 106/21 | Municipality of Rossburn | Municipality of Rossburn – Sunset Point Water Utility – Final Water Rates – 2013-2019 Operating Deficits |
| 107/21 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Motion by Manitoba Public Insurance regarding Procedural Matters in the 2022/2023 General Rate Application and the 2022 Special Rebate Application |

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| 108/21 | City of Brandon | The City of Brandon – Brandon Water and Wastewater Utility - Surcharge to Recover Debenture Servicing Costs Water Treatment Facility Effective October 1, 2021 |
| 109/21 | Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone | Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone - Langruth Water and Wastewater Utility - 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 - Actual Operating Deficits Recovery |
| 110/21 | Municipality of Deloraine-Winchester | Municipality of Deloraine-Winchester – Amalgamation of the Deloraine Water and Wastewater Utility and the Winchester Water and Wastewater Utility – Revised Water and Wastewater Utility Rates – 2009 to 2019 Actual Operating Deficits |
| 111/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of October 11, 2021 to October 17, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 112/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of October 18, 2021 to October 24, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 113/21 | Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson | Municipality of Clanwilliam-Erickson – Erickson Water and Wastewater Utility – Final Rates |
| 114/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of October 25, 2021 to October 31, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 115/21 | Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne | Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne – Lansdowne Water and Wastewater Utility (Arden) Pass Through Authorization |
| 116/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | An Application by Centra Gas for the Commodity Delivery Point for Centra Gas MB Inc.'s Western Transportation Service (WTS) |
| 117/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. - Primary Gas Rate Application, Effective November 1, 2021 |
| 118/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of November 1, 2021 to November 7, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 119/21 | Rural Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth | Rural Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth – Wallace-Woodworth Water and Wastewater Utility – Interim <i>Ex Parte</i> Lagoon Tipping Fee |
| 120/21 | Rural Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth | Rural Municipality of Wallace-Woodworth – Elkhorn Wastewater Utility – Interim <i>Ex Parte</i> Lagoon Tipping Fee |
| 121/21 | Town of Stonewall | Town of Stonewall – Revised Water and Wastewater Rates – Simplified Rate Application |
| 122/21 | Stittco Utilities Man. Ltd. | An Application by Stittco Utilities Man. Ltd. - Commodity and Non-Commodity Rates Effective November 1, 2021 – Final Approval |
| 123/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of November 8, 2021 to November 14, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |

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| 124/21 | Rural Municipality of Pipestone | Rural Municipality of Pipestone – Amalgamation of Pipestone and Reston Water and Wastewater Utilities – Operating Deficits – Revised Water and Wastewater Rates |
| 125/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of November 15, 2021 to November 21, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 126/21 | Municipality of Roblin | Municipality of Roblin – Roblin Water and Wastewater Utility – Interim Ex Parte Water and Wastewater Rates |
| 127/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of November 22, 2021 to November 28, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 128/21 | Manitoba Hydro | Order in Respect of the Procedure for Manitoba Hydro's 2021/22 Interim Rate Application |
| 129/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of November 29, 2021 to December 5, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 130/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of December 6 to 12, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 131/21 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | Order Approving Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.'s Revised Rate Structure and Customer Bill Format |
| 132/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of December 13 to 19, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 133/21 | City of Portage la Prairie | City of Portage la Prairie – Portage la Prairie Water and Wastewater Utility – Revised Water and Wastewater Rates |
| 134/21 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Manitoba Public Insurance – Compulsory 2022/23 Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums and Other Matters - 2022 Special Rebate Application |
| 135/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of December 20 to 26, 2021 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 136/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of December 27, 2021 to January 2, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 137/21 | Manitoba Hydro | Manitoba Hydro's 2021/22 Interim Rate Application Interim Rate Decision with Reasons to Follow |
| 138/21 | Town of Minnedosa | Town of Minnedosa – Minnedosa Water and Wastewater Utility – 2018 and 2019 Actual Operating Deficit Recovery |
| 139/21 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of January 3, 2022 to January 9, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 140-21 | Manitoba Hydro | Order Approving January 1, 2022 Interim Rates for Manitoba Hydro |

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| 1/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of January 10, to January 16, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 2/22 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Manitoba Public Insurance - An Order Approving Specific Compulsory Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums Pursuant to Board Order 134/21 |
| 3/22 | Rural Municipality of Springfield | Rural Municipality of Springfield – Springfield Water and Wastewater Utility – Request for Revised Rates |
| 4/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of January 17 to 23, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 5/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of January 24 to 30, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 6/22 | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. | Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. - Primary Gas Rate Application, Effective February 1, 2022 |
| 7/22 | Stittco | Stittco Utilities Man Ltd. - Propane Rates Effective February 1, 2022 |
| 8/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of January 31 to February 6, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 9/22 | Manitoba Hydro | Order Setting Out Further Reasons for Decisions in Order 137/21 With Respect to Manitoba Hydro's 2021/22 Interim Rate Application |
| 10/22 | Rural Municipality of De Salaberry | Rural Municipality of De Salaberry – Otterburn Wastewater Utility – Revised Wastewater Rates – Simplified Rate Application |
| 11/22 | Grandview Municipality | Grandview Municipality – Sugarloaf Water Utility – Request for Revised Rates |
| 12/22 | Grandview Municipality | Grandview Municipality – Grandview Urban “G3” Water and Wastewater Utility – Request for Revised Rates |
| 13/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of February 7 to 13, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 14/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of February 14 to 20, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 15/22 | Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie | Rural Municipality of Ellice-Archie – McAuley Water and Wastewater Utility – 2020 Actual Operating Deficit Recover |
| 16/22 | Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie | Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie – Oakville Water and Wastewater Utility – 2020 Actual Operating Deficit Recovery |
| 17/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of February 21 to 27, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 18/22 | Rossburn Municipality | Rossburn Municipality – Rossburn Water and Wastewater Utility – 2019 and 2020 Actual Operating Deficits Recovery |

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| 19/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of February 28 to March 6, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 20/22 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Manitoba Public Insurance - Compulsory 2022/23 Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums and Other Matters - 2022 Special Rebate Application - Application for Review and Variance of Order 134/21 Filed by Insurance Brokers Association of Manitoba |
| 21/22 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Manitoba Public Insurance - Compulsory 2022/23 Driver and Vehicle Insurance Premiums and Other Matters - 2022 Special Rebate Application - Application for Review and Variance of Order 134/21 Filed by Manitoba Public Insurance |
| 22/22 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Application for Award of Costs by Consumers Association of Canada (Manitoba) Inc. for Intervention in Manitoba Public Insurance's General Rate Application for The 2022/23 Insurance Year - 2022 Special Rebate Application (SRA) |
| 23/22 | Riverdale Municipality | Riverdale Municipality – Rivers Water and Wastewater Utility – Interim <i>Ex Parte</i> Water and Wastewater Rates |
| 24/22 | Rural Municipality of Argyle | Rural Municipality of Argyle – Local Improvement District of Baldur – Baldur Water and Wastewater Utility – 2020 Actual Operating Deficit Recovery |
| 25/22 | Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne | Municipality of Glenella-Lansdowne – Arden Water and Wastewater Utility – Interim <i>Ex Parte</i> Water and Wastewater Rates |
| 26/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of March 7 to 13, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 27/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of March 14 to 20, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 28/22 | Town of Teulon | Town of Teulon – Teulon Wastewater Utility – Interim <i>Ex Parte</i> Lagoon Tipping Fee - Actual Operating Deficits |
| 29/22 | Rural Municipality of Rosser | Order Respecting the Rural Municipality of Rosser – Centreport Water and Wastewater Utility – Request to Review and Vary Board Order 41/20 Pass-Through Water and Wastewater Rates |
| 30/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of March 21 to 27, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 31/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application by Manitoba Hydro for Interim Ex Parte Approval for the Week of March 28 to April 3, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |
| 32/22 | Manitoba Public Insurance | Award of Costs - Coalition of Manitoba Motorcycle Groups – Intervention in Manitoba Public Insurance's General Rate Application - Review and Vary for the 2022/23 Insurance Year |
| 33/22 | Manitoba Hydro | An Application for Interim Ex Pare Approval for the Week of April 4 to April 10, 2022 of the Surplus Energy Program Rates |

APPENDIX B - SUMMARY OF LICENSES ISSUED

Natural Gas Marketers

The Board regulates independent natural gas marketers or Brokers that sell natural gas directly to Manitoba consumers.

Natural gas marketers are independent businesses that sell Primary Gas to Manitoba customers or otherwise deliver, distribute, store, or transmit gas within Manitoba.

Nearly all marketers licensed by PUB serve the commercial and industrial gas supply market. Larger gas users are assumed to be informed buyers and can either negotiate fixed rate and terms contracts on their own or receive Centra Gas' quarterly gas supply product.

The Board issued renewal licenses to eight natural gas marketers during 2021-22, compared to 7 in 2020-21. The broker licences became effective November 1, 2021 and will expire on October 31, 2022. Marketer licences are reviewed by PUB every year.

Licences Issued

2021-22

| | 2021-22 | 2020-21 |
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| Direct Purchase of Natural Gas | | |
| Brokers | 8 | 7 |
| Total Licenses Issued | 8 | 7 |

APPENDIX C – ENACTMENTS THAT ASSIGN REGULATORY AND/OR ADJUDICATIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO PUB

The Public Utilities Board Act

The Consumer Protection Act (Payday Loans and Government Cheque Cashing)

The Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act

The Efficiency Manitoba Act

The Emergency 911 Public Safety Answering Point Act (Appeals)

The Gas Allocation Act

The Gas Pipeline Act

The Greater Winnipeg Gas Distribution Act

The Manitoba Water Services Board Act (Appeals)

The Municipal Act

APPENDIX D – Manitoba Public Utilities Board Strategic Plan for 2020-2023

The Manitoba Public Utilities Board (“PUB” or “the Board”) is an independent quasi-judicial administrative tribunal operating under the authority of the Manitoba Legislature. PUB regulates utility sectors to protect the interests of Manitobans where competitive market forces do not exist. The stakeholders of PUB are consumers of PUB-regulated utilities as well as utilities and governments. While the current *Public Utilities Board Act* was passed in 1959, PUB has regulated services under other legislation since 1913.

Purpose

PUB has a specific mandate based on its enabling legislation. It acts as a rate-setting tribunal for various public utilities. It establishes just and reasonable rates for the provision of electricity by Manitoba Hydro, for natural gas supplied by Centra Gas, for propane supplied by Stittco, for rate bases and premiums charged for compulsory driver and basic vehicle insurance provided by Manitoba Public Insurance and for rates charged by most of the water and/or wastewater utilities in Manitoba, excluding the City of Winnipeg. In each rate application PUB balances the interest of the rate payers and the financial health of the utility.

PUB also regulates private natural gas marketers and monitors the construction and operation of gas pipelines that are subject to provincial jurisdiction.

As a quasi-judicial administrative tribunal, PUB conducts hearings and reports to the government as requested on Payday Loans & Government Cheque Cashing and hears appeals of Water Services Board decisions and from individuals who have been disconnected from water and/or wastewater utilities or from natural gas or propane services.

PUB also undertakes other reviews, such as the review of the Efficiency Manitoba Plan for 2020-2023, as may be assigned to it from time to time by the Government.

Priorities

Strategic priorities will guide PUB’s work from 2020 to 2023. Operational priorities will be developed each year to implement the strategic priorities.

The strategic priorities are:

1. Excellence in the provision of regulatory decisions;
2. Effective communications and relationships;
3. Efficient internal operations; and
4. PUB2023 and beyond.

1. Excellence in the provision of regulatory decisions

PUB employs a continuous improvement philosophy and an innovation mindset to enhance its decision-making and its responsiveness to stakeholders.

PUB will:

- 1.1. Continue to refine the pre-hearing and hearing processes.
- 1.2. Continue comprehensive oversight, including the use of sanctions and/or penalties to ensure that Orders are carried out.
- 1.3. Develop or adopt more effective ways to handle commercially sensitive information that considers the interests of all affected parties and provides maximum transparency to the public.
- 1.4. Implement processes to improve the efficiency of hearings, including guidelines for providing required information and setting out a hierarchy of the importance of information.
- 1.5. Increase the use of risk-based approaches to reviewing and processing applications, including evaluating opportunities to eliminate the need for applicants to file routine, low-risk applications.

2. Effective communications and relationships with stakeholders

PUB maximizes the public's trust as a regulator by demonstrating that it is independent, impartial, competent, transparent and responsive. It ensures that its communications are clear and it builds and maintains effective relationships.

PUB will:

- 2.1. Retain the necessary expertise, enhance public notification and education, and seek new methods to facilitate participation in PUB processes.
- 2.2. Continue to develop communications among government organizations that have related mandates, such as the Municipal Board and the Office of the Fire Marshall, to make processes more efficient and effective.
- 2.3. Proactively engage the responsible Minister, or Ministers with related responsibilities, through regular meetings to discuss PUB issues.
- 2.4. Advise the responsible Minister and/or senior provincial officials of results following major hearings and on other Orders as necessary.
- 2.5. Hold ongoing discussions with utilities and with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities and the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association, while maintaining independence, to build on mutual understanding of issues.
- 2.6. Develop a clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of, and the relationships between, PUB and key stakeholders and related organizations to ensure an integrated approach to our respective mandates.

3. Efficient internal operations

PUB continues to look for operational efficiencies to make the best possible use of resources in fulfilling its mandate, and delivering on its vision and mission.

PUB will:

- 3.1 Review and update the cross-training and succession plan for staff and the succession plan for professional advisers.
- 3.2 Continue to take advantage of technology to introduce more efficiency in information sharing and communications.
- 3.3 Continue to update the Board governance model to ensure a strategic focus.
- 3.4 Manage PUB resources to ensure they are aligned with fulfilling PUB's mandate.

4. PUB 2023 and beyond

To deliver on its vision, PUB takes a long-term view to ensure it meets its mandate in the future.

The goals are:

- 4.1. A revised and modernized Public Utilities Board Act.
- 4.2. Adequate resources for PUB to carry out its mandate.

Operational priorities for 2021-22

External priorities:

1. Address rate applications from major utilities, as well as MPI, as filed.
2. Continue to implement strategies and practical processes to improve the water and/or wastewater rate review system.
3. Increase the use of the simplified filing process for water and/or wastewater applications through awareness building and support to eligible Utilities.
4. Complete and have available a series of webinars for water and wastewater applications, including deficits, simplified filing and updated Board Guidelines.
5. Continue to work with stakeholders to develop and implement policies and processes to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the pre-hearing and hearing processes.
6. Continue to follow up on directives from prior PUB Orders and to address outstanding compliance issues.
7. Upon direction of the responsible Minister, prepare to conduct public hearings on Payday Loans & Government Cheque Cashing and to report the results to the Government.

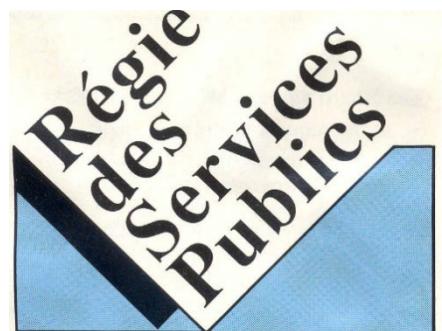
8. Taking into consideration the views of major Utilities and interveners of record, approve and implement a revised policy and procedures to deal with the granting of status, and the funding of interveners in PUB processes.
9. Develop and implement a revised process for dealing with Commercially Sensitive Information.
10. Continue to employ technology solutions to encourage distance participation of witnesses and the public in PUB processes.
11. Continue to meet with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities, the Manitoba Municipal Administrators Association and with other stakeholders as required, to build better mutual understanding with members.
12. Monitor the results of Efficiency Manitoba as required following the decision of Government regarding the PUB report and recommendations on the Efficiency Manitoba Plan for 2020 – 2023.

Internal priorities:

1. Revise the succession plan for PUB staff.
2. Update the inventory of issues and report on the status of each area of PUB responsibility to the Board on a regular basis.
3. Identify and monitor the status of PUB directives to Utilities, and report to the Board on a regular basis.
4. Increase the focus on education and training to address frequently occurring issues in water and/or wastewater utility applications.
5. Monitor the succession plans of PUB advisers. Review and address, to the extent possible, the risk that PUB advisors may not be readily available to advise PUB.
6. Monitor the ongoing involvement and the performance of PUB advisors, including requiring annual reporting against established objectives and retrospective reviews of all major processes to facilitate continuous improvement.
7. Undertake pandemic and post-pandemic planning to ensure PUB meets Government requirements while maintaining an efficient regulatory schedule.
8. Prepare a risk matrix to identify potential risks to PUB operations and develop mitigation strategies for each.

2021-22

Rapport annuel



Le 29 juin 2022

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Monsieur le Ministre,

Objet : Rapport annuel 2021-2022 de la Régie des services publics du Manitoba

Conformément aux dispositions du paragraphe 109(1) de la Loi sur la Régie des services publics, j'ai le privilège de vous présenter, de la part de tous les membres de la Régie, du personnel et en mon nom propre, le Rapport annuel de la Régie des services publics du Manitoba (la « Régie ») pour l'exercice qui s'est terminé le 31 mars 2022.

L'exercice visé par le rapport était la 109^e année d'activité de la Régie au service du Manitoba, et ce, avec fierté.

Ce fut une autre année inhabituelle en raison de la pandémie de COVID-19. Le travail de la Régie s'est poursuivi sans interruption grâce à une combinaison d'interactions en personne et à l'utilisation efficace de la technologie.

Au 31 mars 2022, la Régie comptait neuf employés pour son administration, les opérations et l'aide aux dépôts. La Régie était également assistée de conseillers et d'intervenants agréés pour les dépôts devant la Régie et dans les procédures. Diverses autres personnes ont présenté des preuves devant la Régie au cours de ses délibérations, soit à titre de témoins, d'experts indépendants, d'experts en la matière ou de présentateurs. Grâce à toutes ces contributions, la Régie a atteint les résultats de ses priorités opérationnelles pour 2021-2022, comme indiqué dans le présent rapport.

En vous remerciant, le personnel de votre ministère et vous-même, du soutien apporté au travail de la Régie.

Veuillez agréer mes salutations distinguées.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Gabor".

Robert Gabor, c.r.
Président

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Rapport annuel de la Régie des services publics pour l'exercice 2021-22

L'article 109 (1) de la Loi sur la Régie des services publics stipule ce qui suit :

Dans les deux premiers mois de chaque exercice, la Régie présente au ministre son rapport d'activité pour l'exercice précédent, lequel rapport indique notamment :

- (e) les résumés des constatations contenues dans toutes les ordonnances rendues à la suite de demandes qui lui ont été présentées;
- (f) le nombre et la nature des ordonnances rendues à la suite des enquêtes auxquelles elle a procédé de sa propre initiative;
- (g) le nombre de licences, permis et certificats qu'elle a accordés et les droits qu'elle a perçus;
- (h) toute autre chose exigée par le lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil.

Ce rapport annuel vise à satisfaire aux exigences de l'article 109 (1) de la Loi et de résumer les priorités établies ainsi que les résultats obtenus par la Régie au cours de l'exercice 2021-2022.

Les rapports sur les conclusions des principales demandes reçues et traitées au cours de l'exercice sont inclus dans les sections sur les priorités liées à chaque domaine (Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd., la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba, les services publics d'eau et d'eaux usées). Un résumé des conclusions, du nombre et de la nature des ordonnances rendues à la suite des demandes se trouve à l'annexe A. Un rapport sur les permis délivrés et les droits perçus par la Régie se trouve à l'annexe B.

La Régie n'a mené aucune enquête de sa propre initiative et le lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil n'a pas ordonné de rapport sur d'autres questions.

À propos de la Régie

Mandat

La Régie des services publics est un tribunal administratif quasi judiciaire indépendant agissant sous l'autorité de l'Assemblée législative du Manitoba. Elle réglemente les secteurs de services publics pour protéger les intérêts des Manitobains dans les cas où il n'y a pas de forces de marché concurrentielles. Les parties prenantes de la Régie sont les consommateurs des services publics réglementés par celle-ci, ainsi que les services publics et les gouvernements. Alors que la présente Loi sur la Régie des services publics a été adoptée en 1959, la Régie réglemente les services en vertu d'autres lois depuis 1913.

La Régie a une mission spécifique basée sur sa loi habilitante, tel qu'énoncé à l'annexe C. Elle agit à titre de tribunal chargé de fixer les tarifs pour divers services publics. Elle établit des tarifs justes et raisonnables pour la fourniture d'électricité par Manitoba Hydro, pour le gaz naturel fourni par Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., pour le propane fourni par Stittco Utilities Man Ltd., pour les bases tarifaires et les primes facturées pour l'assurance obligatoire du conducteur et l'assurance automobile de base fournie par la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba et pour les tarifs facturés par la plupart des services publics d'eau et d'eaux usées au Manitoba, à l'exception de la Ville de Winnipeg. Pour chaque demande tarifaire, la Régie tient compte des intérêts des contribuables et de la santé financière du service.

La Régie réglemente également les négociants privés de gaz naturel et surveille la construction et l'exploitation des gazoducs qui relèvent de la compétence provinciale.

En tant que tribunal administratif quasi judiciaire, la Régie tient des audiences et fait rapport au gouvernement à la demande sur les prêts sur salaire et l'encaissement des chèques du gouvernement. Elle entend également les appels des décisions de la Commission des services d'approvisionnement en eau du Manitoba et des personnes qui ont été déconnectées des services d'eau ou d'eaux usées, ou de services de gaz naturel ou de propane.

En outre, la Régie entreprend d'autres examens, comme l'examen du Plan d'Efficacité Manitoba pour 2020-2023, que le gouvernement peut lui confier de temps à autre.

Règles de pratique et de procédure

La Régie adhère à la législation pertinente et à ses règles de pratique et de procédure : http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/pdf/pandp/rules_pandp_mar07.pdf

Ce cadre fournit une assurance et des conseils aux fournisseurs de services publics réglementés, aux intervenants, aux membres de l'Assemblée législative, aux

gouvernements et aux autres parties intéressées sur la gestion de ses processus par la Régie.

Mandat, Vision, Mission et Valeurs de la Régie

La Régie fonctionne selon sa vision, sa mission et ses valeurs.

Vision : La Régie est un organisme de réglementation digne de confiance et respecté qui contribue à l'établissement de tarifs équitables et à des services publics fiables et à long terme pour les Manitobaines et les Manitobains.

Mission : La Régie prend des décisions sur la base de processus réglementaires efficaces et transparents et communique ses décisions en temps opportun.

Valeurs : La Régie est indépendante, impartiale et objective, transparente, accessible à toutes les Manitobaines et tous les Manitobains, favorise un environnement de travail respectueux et se concentre sur l'intérêt public.

Membres de la Régie

Le gouvernement du Manitoba, par l'intermédiaire du lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil, nomme tous les membres de la Régie selon sa volonté. Le mandat des membres de la Régie se poursuit jusqu'à ce qu'il soit résilié par décret. Au 31 mars 2022, le président à temps plein et les huit membres permanents à temps partiel étaient :

| Membre | Date de nomination | Expiration du mandat |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Robert Gabor, c. r. (président) | 6 septembre 2016 | 6 septembre 2021 |
| Marilyn Kapitany (vice-présidente) | 23 juillet 2012 | 23 juillet 2021 |
| Hugh Grant | 18 décembre 2013 | 18 décembre 2021 |
| Larry Ring, c. r. | 8 juin 2016 | 20 septembre 2021 |
| Susan Nemec | 8 juin 2016 | 20 septembre 2019 |
| Sharon M ^c Kay | 21 septembre 2016 | 20 septembre 2019 |
| Shawn M ^c Cutcheon | 21 septembre 2016 | 20 septembre 2019 |
| Michael Watson | 5 avril 2017 | 21 mars 2020 |
| Irene Hamilton, c. r. | 6 septembre 2017 | 6 septembre 2020 |

Conseil d'administration et membres du personnel

Darren Christle, Ph. D., CCLP, P. Log., MCIT, secrétaire et directeur exécutif

Rachel McMillin, bachelière ès sciences., secrétaire déléguée

Jennifer Dubois, CPA, CMA, secrétaire déléguée adjointe

Frederick Mykytyshyn, B. Com. (avec spécialisation), secrétaire délégué adjoint

Angela Wilde, gestionnaire des relations avec les parties prenantes

Diana Villegas, agente administrative

Denise Carrière, coordonnatrice exécutive
Kristen Schubert, assistante d'audience judiciaire
Poste vacant, réceptionniste

Conseillers

En vertu de la Loi sur la Régie des services publics, la Régie a le pouvoir d'embaucher des conseillers pour l'aider à remplir ses obligations.

La Régie s'appuie sur des conseillers experts issus des domaines de la comptabilité, de l'actuariat, de l'ingénierie, des technologies de l'information et des services juridiques. Les conseillers habituels du conseil au 31 mars 2022 étaient :

| | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Comptabilité | Roger Cathcart, Cathcart Advisors Inc. Kevin Yang, Cathcart Advisors Inc. |
| Actuariat | Blair Manktelow, Eckler Ltd. |
| Ingénierie | Brady Ryall, Ryall Engineering Ltd. David Bonin, Ryall Engineering Ltd. |
| Services juridiques | Robert Peters, Fillmore Riley LLP Kathleen McCandless, Pitblado LLP Robert Watchman, Pitblado LLP Kara Moore, Pitblado LLP |
| Technologies de l'information | Marc Caron, Paradyme Conseil Inc. Sunil Bridgelall, Paradyme Consulting Inc. |

Bilan financier

Le budget de la Régie est déterminé par le processus d'appropriation du gouvernement. Les dépenses de la Régie sont payées sur ses crédits budgétaires. Les fonds alloués non dépensés au cours d'une année ne sont pas accumulés dans le budget de la Régie pour l'année suivante.

La Régie a dépensé un total de 1,263 million de dollars en 2021-2022, contre 1,317 million de dollars en 2020-2021. Les dépenses réelles reflètent à la fois les coûts de fonctionnement, les salaires et les coûts des avantages sociaux de la Régie.

Régie des services publics
État des recettes et des dépenses
À compter du 31 mars 2022

| | 2021-2022 (en milliers de dollars) | 2020-2021 (en milliers de dollars) |
|---|--|--|
| Source des fonds | | |
| Dépenses réelles | 1 615 \$ | 1 629 \$ |
| | 1 615 \$ | 1 629 \$ |
| Dépenses | | |
| Salaires et indemnités quotidiennes | 998 \$ | 993 \$ |
| Coûts associés à la réglementation des tarifs et à la sécurité | 0 \$ | 0 \$ |
| Frais généraux (loyer, technologie, services publics, etc.) | 265 \$ | 324 \$ |
| | 1 263 \$ | 1 317 \$ |
| Excédent (insuffisance) des revenus sur les dépenses¹ | (352) \$ | (312) \$ |
| Financement net du gouvernement de la Régie | | |
| Crédits dépensés par la Régie ¹ | 1 263 \$ | 1 317 \$ |
| Frais perçus par la Régie ² | 989 \$ | 1 111 \$ |
| Financement net du gouvernement de la Régie | 274 \$ | 206 \$ |

¹ Les dépenses de la Régie sont payées sur le crédit ministériel.

² Les frais de la Régie sont payés par les services publics et les titulaires de licence au Trésor par l'intermédiaire du ministre des Finances.

Coûts réglementaires

La réglementation est un moyen de remédier à la position de monopole naturel des services publics. Les lois, règles et exigences que les organismes de réglementation appliquent agissent comme un substitut aux forces économiques qui fourniraient les freins et contrepoids si ces services publics opéraient dans un marché concurrentiel. De cette façon, la réglementation protège les intérêts des contribuables.

La réglementation par la Régie et les organismes de réglementation similaires ajoute de la valeur, grâce à des processus transparents fondés sur des preuves qui non seulement protègent les contribuables, mais garantissent également que les services publics restent viables en fixant des tarifs justes et raisonnables.

La Régie dispose d'un personnel réduit et compte sur des conseillers et des intervenants pour compléter ses ressources au cours des audiences, ce qui lui permet de s'acquitter de ses responsabilités réglementaires. Le tableau suivant présente une comparaison en matière de postes équivalents temps plein (ETP) et de budgets de la Régie avec d'autres organismes de réglementation des services publics qui établissent les tarifs au Canada, où la province ou le territoire paie les coûts opérationnels de l'organisme de réglementation. Comme l'indique le tableau, la Régie du Manitoba compte relativement peu d'ETP et un budget inférieur à celui de ses homologues d'autres provinces ou territoires.

| Ressources humaine et taux de comparaison Autorités de réglementation* | | |
|---|-------|--|
| Province ou territoire | ETP | Budget (en centaines de milliers de dollars) |
| Alberta | 143 | 35,4 |
| Colombie-Britannique | 41 | 9,1 |
| Manitoba | 9 | 1,4 |
| Nouveau-Brunswick | 25 | 3,2 |
| Terre-Neuve | 18 | 2,6 |
| Territoires du Nord-Ouest | 16 | 2,5 |
| Nouvelle-Écosse | 40 | 5,9 |
| Ontario | 191 | 40 |
| Île-du-Prince-Édouard | 21 | 3,0 |
| Québec | 79 | 16,1 |
| Territoire du Yukon | s. o. | s. o. |

*D'après les rapports annuels des territoires de compétences.

Comme indiqué ci-dessus, pour compléter son personnel, la Régie a recours aux services de conseillers et compte sur la participation d'intervenants aux audiences. Conformément aux pratiques réglementaires courantes des services publics, les coûts sont payés par les demandeurs.

Les tableaux suivants présentent le total des frais d'audience renvoyés par la Régie aux demandeurs d'Hydro Manitoba, de Centra Gas et de la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba au cours des deux derniers exercices, y compris les frais des conseillers et des intervenants.

| Exercice 2021-22 | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | Coûts des conseillers | Coûts des intervenants | Rapporteur de la cour | Déjeuners de travail | Coûts de désinfection | TOTAL |
| Centra | 258 739,43 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 258 739,43 |
| Hydro | 308 284,24 | 0,00 | 5 586,2 | 1 006,15 | 487,92 | 314 876,59 |
| MPI | 703 332,29 | 488 426,39 | 19 857,8 | 2 014,74 | 1 124,57 | 1 213 631,22 |
| | | | | | TOTAL | 1 787 247,24 |

| Exercice 2020-21 | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | Coûts des conseillers | Coûts des intervenants | Rapporteur de la cour | Déjeuners de travail | Coûts de désinfection | TOTAL |
| Centra | 278 258,33 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 73,84 | 0,00 | 278 332,17 |
| Hydro | 256 319,74 | 7 186,14 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 263 505,88 |
| MPI | 794 416,79 | 374 998,36 | 18 717,00 | 1 725,09 | 990,00 | 1 190 847,24 |
| | | | | | TOTAL | 1 732 685,29 |

Frais réglementaires

Tous les organismes de réglementation évaluent les frais pour faciliter le fonctionnement de systèmes de réglementation efficaces. Les frais sont évalués à chaque service public, aux demandeurs de licences, tels que les courtiers en gaz, et peuvent être évalués à d'autres parties qui se présentent devant la Régie. Les frais sont payables au ministre des Finances et sont ajoutés au Trésor du gouvernement du Manitoba. Les frais sont établis dans la Public Utilities Board Fees Regulation, et les modifications prescrites par la Régie conformément à l'art. 57 de la Loi sur la Régie des services publics. Le barème des droits est demeuré inchangé depuis 1994.

| Frais recouverts | | |
|--|------------|--------------|
| Type de frais | 2021-22 | 2020-21 |
| Réglementaire - MB Hydro | 311 364,96 | 311 364,96 |
| Réglementaire - Centra Gas | 394 250,04 | 394 250,04 |
| Réglementaire - MPI | 233 523,72 | 311 364,96 |
| Réglementaire - Sittco | 4 000,08 | 2 000,04 |
| Board Orders | 17 100,00 | 16 850,00 |
| Licence d'intermédiaire en gaz | 7 000,00* | 3 500,00 |
| Utilitaire annuel d'eaux et eaux usées | 21 900,00 | 22 500,00 |
| Total | 982 138,80 | 1 061 830,00 |
| <i>*Inclus licence d'intermédiaire en gaz initiale</i> | | |

Priorités stratégiques de la Régie des services publics pour 2020-2023 et rapport sur les priorités opérationnelles pour 2021-2022

Le plan stratégique de la Régie oriente le travail de l'organisation. La Régie en est à la dernière année de son plan triennal pour 2020-2023 et élaborera son prochain plan stratégique au cours de cet exercice. Le nouveau plan entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2023. Le plan stratégique complet pour 2020-2023 se trouve à l'annexe D.

Priorités stratégiques de la Régie pour 2020-2023

1. L'excellence dans la communication des décisions réglementaires;
2. L'efficacité des communications et des relations;
3. L'efficience du fonctionnement interne;
4. La Régie 2023 et au-delà.

Priorités opérationnelles de la Régie pour 2021-2022

Des priorités opérationnelles sont élaborées chaque année pour mettre en œuvre les priorités stratégiques de la Régie. Le but de ce rapport est de décrire les progrès réalisés sur les priorités opérationnelles de la Régie pour 2021-2022.

Les priorités opérationnelles suivantes de la Régie pour 2021-2022 ont été approuvées par la Régie en mars 2021. Les résultats de chaque priorité sont résumés ci-dessous.

Priorités externes :

- 1. Traiter les demandes de tarification des principaux services publics, ainsi que de la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba, telles que déposées.**

Des demandes ont été reçues de Manitoba Hydro, de Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., de Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd. et de la Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba.

Manitoba Hydro

Manitoba Hydro est une société d'État provinciale qui fournit une énergie électrique fiable aux clients du Manitoba et vend l'excédent d'électricité sur le marché d'exportation. En plus des principales demandes 2021-2022 indiquées ci-dessous, la Régie a approuvé des demandes hebdomadaires approuvant les tarifs du programme d'énergie excédentaire.

Manitoba Hydro a déposé une demande de tarification provisoire le 15 novembre 2021, en tant que mesure urgente pour faire face aux conditions de sécheresse touchant la province et pour faire face aux besoins en revenus liés aux dépenses en immobilisations. La requête demandait une augmentation de taux de 5 % du revenu général des consommateurs pour le 1^{er} janvier 2022. La Régie a traité la demande de manière accélérée. Sur la base des preuves fournies, l'ordonnance 137/21 publiée le 24 décembre 2021 prévoyait des tarifs entraînant une

augmentation des revenus de 3,6 % pour le 1^{er} janvier 2022, avec des raisons à suivre. Dans l'ordonnance 9/22 publiée le 26 janvier 2022, la Régie a exposé les motifs supplémentaires des décisions de l'ordonnance 137/21.

Le 25 février 2022, Manitoba Hydro a déposé une demande de révision et de modification d'un certain nombre de dispositions de l'ordonnance 9/22. La Régie a invité les intervenants à commenter la demande. L'arbitrage de cette question aura lieu en 2022-2023.

Centra Gas Manitoba Inc.

Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. (Centra) est une filiale en propriété exclusive de Manitoba Hydro. La Régie réglemente tous les aspects des activités de Centra, y compris les dépenses en immobilisations et les tarifs facturés par Centra pour le transport et la distribution du gaz naturel, ainsi que les tarifs facturés pour le gaz. En plus des demandes 2021-2022 indiquées ci-dessous, la Régie a surveillé les activités de sécurité des pipelines de gaz naturel liées aux activités de Centra.

Centra a déposé une demande d'examen de la méthodologie de l'étude sur le coût du service le 15 juin 2021. Cet examen vise à déterminer les coûts de desserte des différentes catégories de clients de Centra en fonction de la nature des coûts encourus et des services fournis. Le processus d'audition de cette demande est en cours et elle sera tranchée en 2022-2023.

Centra a déposé une demande de regroupement tarifaire le 23 mars 2021. La demande visait à réviser la structure tarifaire du gaz naturel et à simplifier la facture de gaz des clients. Un processus papier pour examiner la demande a abouti à l'ordonnance 131/21, qui a été publiée le 2 décembre 2021. Les modifications apportées à la présente ordonnance entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} novembre 2022, au début de la prochaine « année gaz naturel ».

Centra a également déposé des demandes trimestrielles pour les tarifs du gaz primaire. Les tarifs du gaz primaire sont entrés en vigueur le 1^{er} mai (ordonnance 47/21), le 1^{er} août (ordonnance 83/21) et le 1^{er} novembre (ordonnance 117/21) de 2021 et le 1^{er} février 2022 (ordonnance 6/22).

Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd.

Stittco Utilities Manitoba Ltd. (Stittco) fournit des services de distribution de propane aux clients de Flin Flon, Snow Lake, The Pas et Thompson. La Régie réglemente les tarifs de produits (propane) et autres (transport et distribution) de Stittco pour les clients. En outre, elle surveille les activités de sécurité des pipelines de propane liées aux activités de Stittco, y compris Churchill.

Stittco a déposé des demandes trimestrielles de tarification du propane pour les tarifs en vigueur le 1^{er} mai (ordonnance 48/21) et le 1^{er} août (ordonnance 84/21), une demande de tarification des produits et autres (une demande de tarification générale)

pour les tarifs en vigueur le 1^{er} novembre 2021 (ordonnance 122/21) et une demande trimestrielle de tarification des produits de base pour les tarifs en vigueur le 1^{er} février 2022 (ordonnance 7/22).

Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba

La Société d'assurance publique du Manitoba (la « Société ») a été établie en 1971 comme le fournisseur monopolistique d'assurance automobile de base. Conformément à la Loi sur la gouvernance et l'obligation redditionnelle des corporations de la Couronne, la Régie approuve des tarifs et des primes justes et raisonnables facturés pour l'assurance conducteur et véhicule obligatoire de base fournie par la Société.

Les propriétaires de véhicules du Manitoba sont tenus de souscrire l'assurance de base de la Société, qui comprend une couverture tous risques pour les dommages accidentels à la plupart des véhicules immatriculés, la responsabilité civile pour les réclamations si un véhicule immatriculé blesse d'autres personnes ailleurs au Canada ou aux États-Unis ou endommage la propriété d'autres partout au Canada ou aux États-Unis, et le Régime de protection contre les préjudices personnels en cas de blessure ou de décès causé par un véhicule.

Contrairement à d'autres services publics réglementés par la Régie, les tarifs de la Société ne sont en vigueur que pour une année d'assurance (du 1^{er} avril au 31 mars) et une audience annuelle sur les tarifs est requise.

Le 28 juin 2021, la Société a déposé sa demande tarifaire générale 2022-2023. Le 15 décembre 2021, l'ordonnance 134/21 a approuvé une diminution globale de 1,57 % des primes obligatoires de base pour les véhicules à moteur à compter du 1^{er} avril 2022 et a ordonné une remise de 312 millions de dollars.

Le 14 janvier 2022, la Société a déposé une demande de révision et de modification d'un certain nombre de directives de l'ordonnance 134/21 de décembre 2021. Le 28 février 2022, dans l'ordonnance 21/22, la Régie a accordé un certain nombre de directives et a rejeté d'autres demandes de dérogation.

Le 29 mars 2022, la Société a déposé une demande d'autorisation d'appel de certaines des directives de l'ordonnance 134/21 auprès de la Cour d'appel du Manitoba.

2. Continuer de mettre en œuvre les stratégies et les processus pratiques pour améliorer le système d'examen des tarifs de l'eau et des eaux usées.

La Régie est chargée des tarifs et d'autres responsabilités réglementaires pour tous les services publics d'eau et d'eaux usées du Manitoba. La Charte de la ville de Winnipeg exclut Winnipeg de la compétence de la Régie d'approuver les tarifs d'eau

et d'eaux usées utilisés par les contribuables de la ville de Winnipeg. Cette exclusion s'étend aux tarifs facturés pour les services que la ville de Winnipeg fournit dans d'autres territoires.

Les services d'eau sont des services publics tels que définis dans la Loi sur la Régie des services publics et leur réglementation est obligatoire. Les services d'eaux usées doivent être déclarés par la Régie comme étant des services publics à réglementer. Une déclaration générale a été faite à cet effet dans l'ordonnance 93/09.

La Régie a examiné 50 demandes d'eau et d'eaux usées, et a traité 49 ordonnances de la Régie correspondantes émises en 2021-2022. Le personnel de la Régie a mis en place un processus pour s'assurer que les demandes sont complètes avant qu'elles n'entrent dans la file d'attente. Le nouveau processus a considérablement raccourci le temps pendant lequel une demande est dans la file d'attente.

Le délai d'attente a été réduit comme suit :

| Temps dans la file d'attente | 31 mars 2022 | 5 avril 2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Plus de 2 ans | 0 | 1 |
| Entre 18 et 24 mois | 0 | 3 |
| Entre 12 et 17 mois | 3 | 9 |
| Entre 10 et 11 mois | 2 | 3 |
| Entre 7 et 9 mois | 4 | 7 |
| Moins de 6 mois | 20 | 25 |
| Total | 29 | 48 |

3. Augmenter l'utilisation du processus de dépôt simplifié pour les demandes d'eau et d'eaux usées grâce à la sensibilisation et au soutien des services publics admissibles.

Introduit en 2017, le processus de dépôt simplifié accélère les demandes de tarification pour les services d'eau et d'eaux usées appartenant à la municipalité qui répondent aux critères définis dans l'ordonnance 86/17. Les services publics conformes peuvent demander à la Régie d'approuver des augmentations de tarifs jusqu'à 3 % sans soumettre une demande de tarif complet. Les demandes de tarification simplifiées rationalisent le processus de dépôt pour les services publics admissibles. De plus, les dépôts simplifiés ont un délai d'exécution plus court et permettent donc au personnel de la Régie de concentrer les ressources sur les services publics qui nécessitent plus d'assistance.

Six demandes de dépôt simplifiées pour l'eau et les eaux usées ont été traitées et ont donné lieu à six arrêtés tarifaires en 2021-2022, comparativement à une demande de dépôt simplifiée en 2020-2021.

4. Réaliser et mettre à disposition une série de webinaires pour les demandes relatives à l'eau et aux eaux usées, y compris les déficits, le dépôt simplifié et les lignes directrices mises à jour de la Régie.

Des webinaires ont été élaborés par le personnel de la Régie pour traiter des problèmes de déficits d'exploitation des services publics et pour fournir des renseignements sur le processus de demande de dépôt simplifié qui est disponible pour les services publics d'eau et d'eaux usées qui répondent à certains critères. Un webinaire sur le guide d'application des tarifs des services d'eau et d'eaux usées a été organisé et diffusé en direct avec des participants actifs. La Régie a également enregistré la séance en direct et l'a publiée sur son site Web. La Régie a reçu des commentaires positifs sur les webinaires. Des dépôts plus simplifiés ont été reçus en 2021-2022 à la suite du webinaire sur ce processus.

5. Continuer de travailler avec les parties prenantes pour élaborer et mettre en œuvre des politiques et des processus afin d'améliorer l'efficience et l'efficacité des processus préparatoires et d'audience.

En raison de la pandémie, aucune discussion officielle n'a eu lieu en 2021-2022. Cependant, de nombreuses conversations ont eu lieu et de nombreuses suggestions ont été reçues sur la façon d'améliorer les processus de la Régie. Ces suggestions ont été mises en œuvre dans la mesure du possible. La demande accélérée de tarifs provisoires de Manitoba Hydro représente un exemple de processus d'audience que les parties prenantes ont contribué à façonner.

Une gestionnaire des relations avec les parties prenantes a été embauchée fin 2021-2022 et un comité du conseil a été créé pour aider à faire avancer cette priorité.

6. Continuer de suivre les directives des ordonnances antérieures de la Régie et de régler les problèmes de conformité en suspens.

Les ordonnances de la Régie constituent une partie importante du cadre réglementaire conçu pour protéger les contribuables. Vous pouvez consulter les ordonnances de la Régie à la page <http://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/proceedings-decisions/orders/index.html>. Comme dans d'autres territoires, lorsqu'une ordonnance de la Régie est délivrée, le demandeur est tenu de se conformer aux directives de l'ordonnance, de solliciter une demande de révision et de dérogation à la Régie ou de demander l'autorisation d'interjeter appel de la décision de la Régie auprès de la Cour d'appel du Manitoba. Ignorer une ordonnance de la Régie n'est pas une option.

La Régie a régulièrement examiné les questions de conformité en suspens concernant Manitoba Hydro, Centra Gas, la Société et les services d'eau et d'eaux usées et a pris les mesures nécessaires. Conformément à une décision de la Régie, les directives en suspens de la Régie ont été énumérées dans les ordonnances tarifaires. De plus, les ordonnances stipulaient que la Régie avait le pouvoir

discrétionnaire de refuser de traiter les demandes s'il y avait des directives en suspens. Ce nouveau processus se poursuivra en tant que pratique continue.

7. Sur instruction du ministre responsable, se préparer à tenir des audiences publiques sur les prêts de dépannage et l'encaissement des chèques du gouvernement, et à faire rapport des résultats au gouvernement.

Il n'y a eu aucune demande en 2021-2022 pour tenir des audiences publiques sur les prêts sur salaire et l'encaissement de chèques du gouvernement.

8. En tenant compte des points de vue des principaux services publics et des intervenants au dossier, approuver et mettre en œuvre une politique révisée et les procédures pour traiter l'octroi du statut et le financement des intervenants dans les processus de la Régie.

La politique de l'intervenant intérimaire concernant l'octroi du statut et le financement des intervenants a été pleinement déployée. Un processus de budget des intervenants correspondant a été mis en place pour clarifier les renseignements requis des intervenants lors de la présentation des demandes initiales de financement.

9. Élaborer et mettre en œuvre un processus révisé de traitement des renseignements commercialement sensibles.

La Régie a traité les demandes de confidentialité des renseignements au cas par cas conformément à la règle 13 de ses règles de pratique et de procédure.

10. Continuer à utiliser des solutions technologiques pour encourager la participation à distance des témoins et du public aux processus de la Régie.

L'utilisation importante de la technologie solide dans la salle d'audience de la Régie a permis au public et aux membres de celle-ci de témoigner et de participer aux processus d'audience sur les questions d'électricité et d'eau/eaux usées, ainsi qu'aux audiences de la Société.

On comptait notamment des audiences hybrides pour la Société, Manitoba Hydro et Centra Gas, où certains participants étaient présents dans la salle d'audience de la Régie, et d'autres ont participé de manière virtuelle. Ces audiences se sont avérées particulièrement importantes pendant la pandémie, car cela a permis de procéder sans retard aux applications tarifaires et autres. Elles ont également permis aux témoins de présenter des preuves et aux présentateurs de faire part de leurs points de vue.

11. Continuer à rencontrer l'Association des municipalités du Manitoba (AMM), l'Association des administrateurs municipaux du Manitoba (AAMM) et d'autres parties prenantes, au besoin, pour établir une meilleure compréhension mutuelle avec les membres.

Un groupe de travail technique (GTT) avec des représentants de la Régie, l'AMM et l'AAMM a été formé en 2019. En raison de la pandémie, un engagement en personne limité a eu lieu, mais les discussions virtuelles ont facilité le dialogue continu.

La dernière rencontre a eu lieu le 5 novembre 2021. Le GTT s'est réuni pour discuter de la question de la sécheresse et du rôle de la Régie en tant que régulateur des tarifs, des processus de demande actuels, des défis liés à l'examen des opérations des services publics et de la conduite des séances de formation dirigées par la Régie. En conséquence, le personnel de la Régie a fait une présentation sur les questions fréquemment posées sur les services publics lors de la convention de l'AAMM 2022 en avril 2022.

12. Surveiller les résultats d'Efficacité Manitoba au besoin, à la suite de la décision du gouvernement concernant le rapport de la Régie et les recommandations du plan d'Efficacité Manitoba 2020-2023.

Au cours des années précédentes, lorsque la Régie traitait les demandes visant les tarifs d'électricité et de gaz naturel, elle examinait les plans d'efficacité énergétique en mettant l'accent sur la nécessité de rehausser chez les consommateurs la connaissance des programmes d'efficacité énergétique et des économies qui pourraient être réalisées en mettant à niveau l'isolation et les appareils de chauffage. La Régie mettait également l'accent sur la nécessité de faciliter l'accès des contribuables à faible revenu aux programmes d'efficacité énergétique comme moyen d'atténuer les incidences des futures hausses des tarifs d'électricité. En 2020, l'autorité pour les plans d'efficacité énergétique a été transférée à Efficacité Manitoba en vertu de la Loi sur la Société pour l'efficacité énergétique au Manitoba. À la suite de cette loi, le gouvernement provincial a chargé la Régie d'examiner le plan d'efficacité initial d'Efficacité Manitoba et de présenter un rapport contenant des recommandations au ministre responsable. La Régie a fourni le rapport qui a été accepté le 1^{er} avril 2020, avec des examens réguliers des activités futures à suivre.

Le gouvernement provincial a prolongé d'un an l'obligation pour Efficacité Manitoba de déposer un plan sur ses activités futures. Par conséquent, la Régie n'a pas été tenue de revoir le plan en 2021-2022. Cependant, elle a continué son rôle de surveillance et était en communication fréquente avec Efficacité Manitoba.

Priorités internes de la Régie :

1. Réviser le plan de succession du personnel de la Régie.

Le plan a été révisé et activé en utilisant un processus de recrutement concurrentiel pour pourvoir les postes vacants.

2. Mettre à jour l'inventaire des problèmes et rendre compte régulièrement à la Régie de l'état de chaque domaine de responsabilité de la Régie.

L'état des problèmes d'énergie, d'eau et d'eaux usées et de la Société a été signalé par le personnel lors des réunions de la Régie tenues en 2021-2022.

3. Déterminer et surveiller l'état des directives de la Régie aux services publics, et faire rapport à la Régie régulièrement.

L'état des directives de la Régie a été présenté lors d'une réunion de l'ensemble de la Régie en 2021-2022. La Régie a mis à jour l'état et l'a affiché sur son site Web. Les comités de la Régie responsables de ces secteurs ont discuté des directives relatives à des services publics précis, comme Manitoba Hydro et Centra Gas, ainsi qu'à la Société et les ont incluses dans les ordonnances générales d'application des tarifs.

4. Mettre davantage l'accent sur l'éducation et la formation pour résoudre les problèmes fréquents dans les applications des services d'eau.

En raison de la pandémie, une formation officielle a eu lieu en 2021-2022. De nombreuses discussions virtuelles et téléphoniques ont eu lieu pour tenir le personnel et les membres de la Régie au courant des questions émergentes.

5. Suivre les plans de succession des conseillers de la Régie. Examiner et traiter, dans la mesure du possible, le risque que les conseillers de la Régie ne soient pas facilement disponibles pour conseiller la Régie.

Dans le cadre de l'examen annuel des conseillers de la Régie, qui a été effectué par un comité du conseil en février 2022, le plan de succession de chaque conseiller a été examiné. Chaque conseiller a reçu des commentaires sur son plan de succession. Le but de la rétroaction était de veiller à ce que le risque pour la Régie que les conseillers ne soient pas disponibles pour fournir le service soit atténué dans la mesure du possible.

6. Surveiller la participation continue et le rendement des conseillers de la Régie, y compris exiger des rapports annuels par rapport aux objectifs établis et des examens rétrospectifs de tous les processus majeurs pour faciliter l'amélioration continue.

Chaque conseiller de la Régie a soumis un rapport détaillant ses progrès par rapport aux objectifs établis pour 2021. En février 2022, un comité de la Régie a réalisé l'examen annuel de chaque conseiller de la Régie. Chaque conseiller a reçu des commentaires afin d'évaluer la qualité des conseils formulés à la Régie et de suggérer des améliorations au besoin. Un processus budgétaire de projet de conseiller a été élaboré et mis en œuvre pour gérer les coûts et offrir un meilleur rapport qualité-prix au système de réglementation.

7. Entreprendre une planification pandémique et post pandémique pour s'assurer que la Régie répond aux exigences du gouvernement tout en maintenant un calendrier réglementaire efficace.

Des plans pour répondre aux exigences du gouvernement en cas de pandémie ont été élaborés et la mise en œuvre a commencé en 2020-2021. Grâce à d'importants travaux antérieurs sur l'infrastructure des technologies de l'information, la Régie était bien placée pour continuer à déployer les politiques gouvernementales en cas de pandémie en 2021-2022 sans perturber les processus ou les résultats. Il n'y a eu aucun retard et le public, les services publics, le personnel et les membres de la Régie ont poursuivi leur participation aux processus de la Régie. À la fin de 2021-2022, des plans post pandémiques pour 2022-2023 ont été élaborés pour être mis en œuvre si la situation pandémique le permet.

8. Préparer une matrice des risques pour déterminer les risques potentiels pour les opérations de la Régie et élaborer des stratégies d'atténuation pour chacun.

Les risques ont été cernés et gérés de manière continue pour des enjeux majeurs comme la pandémie et la disponibilité de conseillers pour faciliter les travaux de la Régie. La Régie exige un processus formel de gestion des risques et en développera un de concert avec son prochain plan stratégique.