

August 21, 2023

VIA EMAIL

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Approved Interveners
(per attached list)

Re: Manitoba Hydro 2023/24 and 2024/25 General Rate Application – Transcript Errata

The Public Utilities Board (“Board”) confirms receipt of Manitoba Hydro’s letter of August 17, 2023 setting out transcript errata from the hearing of Manitoba Hydro’s general rate application in May and June of this year.

While most of the errors identified in the letter are inconsequential transcription errors, the letter also includes a correction of the factual record. For example, with respect to page 3115 of the transcript, Manitoba Hydro advises that the 2019 depreciation study was approved by Manitoba Hydro’s Chief Financial Officer, not the corporation’s board. This is clearly not a transcription error but rather a correction of Manitoba Hydro’s evidence.

While the Board welcomes corrections to the factual record, it is of concern to the Board that in this case, the correction was made six weeks after the conclusion of the hearing and close to the issuance of a final order in the application. With oral evidence divided between subject-specific witness panels, it would be appropriate for each witness panel to review the transcript in a timely manner. This would allow errata to be provided within a week or less after testimony.

The Board has reviewed the errata and determined they will not result in a delay to the final order in this instance. However, similar delays in filing errata in future hearings may result in a delay of a Board decision, in particular if it results in the Board requiring further deliberations as a result of the filing.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R McMillin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "R" being particularly large and stylized.

Rachel McMillin
Associate Secretary

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cc: Bob Peters & Sven Hombach, Board Counsel