

Order No. 56/23

**MANITOBA HYDRO: INTERIM EX PARTE APPROVAL
CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM
REFERENCE DISCOUNT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2023**

May 2, 2023

Before: Robert Gabor, K.C., Board Chair
Marilyn Kapitany, B.Sc., (Hon), M.Sc., Vice Chair
Carol Bellringer, FCPA, FCA, Member
George Bass, K.C., ICD. D., Member

1.0 BACKGROUND

On April 21, 2023, Manitoba Hydro (MH) applied to the Public Utilities Board (Board) for interim *ex parte* approval of MH's Curtailable Rate Program (CRP) Reference Discount, effective April 1, 2023. MH's application was made pursuant to the CRP Terms and Conditions of Service, which were approved by Board Order 73/15.

Under the Terms and Conditions of Service, MH is required to file the CRP Reference Discount adjusted for inflation on an annual basis. MH proposed the CRP Reference Discount rate be increased from \$4.02/kW (reflected in the current rate) to \$4.23/kW of curtailable load effective April 1, 2023. The inflation adjustment factor is +5.2%, as reflected in the Consumer Price Index published by the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics (April 18, 2023) as shown in Schedule "B".

2.0 BOARD FINDINGS

The Board has reviewed MH's application and will approve, on an interim *ex parte* basis, an amended CRP Reference Discount Rate effective April 1, 2023 of \$4.23/kW.

3.0 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Manitoba Hydro's application for approval of the Curtailable Rate Program Reference Discount of \$4.23/kW month of Curtailable Load (as set out in attached Schedule A) BE AND IS HEREBY APPROVED on an interim *ex parte* basis effective April 1, 2023.
2. This Interim Order shall be in full force and effect until confirmed or otherwise by a further Order of the Board, to follow a public hearing.

Board decisions may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of *The Public Utilities Board Act*, or reviewed in accordance with Section 36 of the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Board's Rules may be viewed on the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

"Robert Gabor, K.C."
Board Chair

"Rachel McMillin, B.Sc."
Associate Secretary

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Associate Secretary

Schedule A
CURTAILABLE RATE PROGRAM
REFERENCE DISCOUNT
APRIL 2023

FORMULA:

The Monthly Reference Discount shall equal the Generation Deferral benefits, expressed in Canadian Dollars for 2011/12, and adjusted on a cumulative basis by the annual inflation factor as of April 1 of each fiscal year.

The calculation of the value of the monthly reference discount as of April 1, 2023 is shown below.

The value of the annual inflation adjustment published by the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics is as per Schedule B.

	Base Reference Discount	Inflation Factor*	Adjustment	Approved Reference Discount
April 1, 2012	\$3.17	1.4%	\$0.04	\$3.21
April 1, 2013	\$3.21	2.3%	\$0.07	\$3.28
April 1, 2014	\$3.28	2.3%	\$0.08	\$3.36
April 1, 2015	\$3.36	1.2%	\$0.04	\$3.40
April 1, 2016	\$3.40	0.9%	\$0.03	\$3.43
April 1, 2017	\$3.43	1.6%	\$0.05	\$3.48
April 1, 2018	\$3.48	2.4%	\$0.08	\$3.56
April 1, 2019	\$3.56	2.3%	\$0.08	\$3.64
April 1, 2020	\$3.64	1.0%	\$0.04	\$3.68
April 1, 2021	\$3.68	1.6%	\$0.06	\$3.74
April 1, 2022	\$3.74	7.4%	\$0.28	\$4.02
April 1, 2023	\$4.02	5.2%	\$0.21	\$4.23

*The annual inflation factor for Manitoba is set out in the following table generated by Manitoba Bureau of Statistics.

**Table 1: Consumer Price Indices for March 2023
By Component: Manitoba and Canada**

	Manitoba					Canada				
	Mar. 2022	Feb. 2023	Mar. 2023	Feb. 23 to Mar. 23	Mar. 22 to Mar. 23	Mar. 2022	Feb. 2023	Mar. 2023	Feb. 23 to Mar. 23	Mar. 22 to Mar. 23
	(2002 = 100)		% change			(2002 = 100)		% change		
Main components										
All-items	149.9	156.9	157.7	0.5	5.2	148.9	154.5	155.3	0.5	4.3
Food	162.5	177.8	178.2	0.2	9.7	167.5	182.1	182.4	0.2	8.9
Shelter	170.9	181.1	182.1	0.6	6.6	160.2	168.3	168.9	0.4	5.4
Household operations, furnishings and equipment	128.0	134.9	134.7	-0.1	5.2	129.1	132.8	133.3	0.4	3.3
Clothing and footwear	95.2	93.7	97.0	3.5	1.9	94.5	95.6	96.8	1.3	2.4
Transportation	163.9	168.4	168.7	0.2	2.9	165.5	164.8	166.0	0.7	0.3
Health and personal care	126.1	134.4	134.2	-0.1	6.4	134.9	143.0	143.7	0.5	6.5
Recreation, education and reading	125.1	125.5	126.4	0.7	1.0	123.1	123.7	125.1	1.1	1.6
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products and recreational cannabis	196.4	198.2	200.9	1.4	2.3	179.3	187.3	189.0	0.9	5.4
Special aggregates										
All-items excluding food	147.4	153.0	153.8	0.5	4.3	145.3	149.5	150.4	0.6	3.5
All-items excluding food and energy	141.8	148.6	149.6	0.7	5.5	139.6	145.0	145.9	0.6	4.5
Energy	207.7	198.2	197.1	-0.6	-5.1	213.9	197.9	199.2	0.7	-6.9
Goods	138.4	142.4	143.0	0.4	3.3	137.8	141.8	142.7	0.6	3.6
Services	162.0	173.1	173.9	0.5	7.3	159.4	166.8	167.6	0.5	5.1

Source: Prepared by the Manitoba Bureau of Statistics, adapted from Statistics Canada, Table 18-10-0004-01
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