



Notice of Application and Pre-Hearing Conference

APPLICANT:

MANITOBA HYDRO

APPLICATION:

2012/13 & 2013/14 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION

Manitoba Hydro has applied to the Public Utilities Board (the Board) for the following:

1. Approval to maintain in current rates the 1% interim rate increase that arose as the difference between the 2.9% April 1, 2010 interim rate increase and the actual 1.9% increase finalized as per Board Order 5/12 and to include in Manitoba Hydro's revenues the approximate \$11 million/year that has accumulated in a Board ordered deferral account;
2. Final approval of the 2.0% interim rate increase that was effective April 1, 2012 and which generates approximately \$25 million/year;
3. Approval, on an interim basis, of a 2.5% rate increase effective September 1, 2012, sufficient to generate additional revenues of \$20 million in 2012/13 and \$33 million on an annual basis;
4. Approval of a further 3.5% rate increase, effective April 1, 2013, sufficient to generate additional revenues of \$48 million in fiscal year 2013/14;
5. Approval, on an interim basis, of rate schedules, incorporating a 6.5% rate increase, effective September 1, 2012, for the full cost portion of the rate applicable to general service and government customers in four remote communities served by diesel generation, sufficient to generate additional revenue of \$0.2 million in 2012/13;
6. Approval of the proposed modifications to the Terms and Conditions of the Surplus Energy Program (SEP) and final approval of all interim ex-parte SEP rate orders issued since January 17, 2012 as well as any additional interim ex-parte SEP rate orders issued prior to the PUB's final order in this matter;
7. Approval of the proposed modifications to the Curtailable Rate Program (CRP) and final approval of interim ex-parte Order 52/12 as well as any additional interim ex-parte CRP rate orders issued prior to the PUB's final order in this matter;

8. Final approval of diesel zone interim Orders 17/04, 46/04, 159/04, 176/06, 1/10, 134/10, 1/11 and 148/11, as well as any additional diesel zone interim orders issued prior to the PUB's final order in this matter.

For a typical Residential customer, (without electric space heat) using an average of 1000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month, the proposed September 1, 2012 rate change, if approved by the Board, will result in a monthly bill increase of \$1.80 or 2.4%. A residential customer with electric space heat, using an average of 2000 kWh a month will see an increase of \$3.60 or 2.5% per month commencing September 1, 2012.

Based on the proposed September 1, 2012 rates, General Service customers will experience increases ranging from 1.6% to 3.1% depending on monthly consumption, load factor and/or voltage level served. The average increase for General Service customers, effective September 1, 2012, is 2.5%.

Manitoba Hydro has filed material with the Board to support its proposed Revenue Requirement for 2012/13 and 2013/14, and plans to file additional information later in July 2012. The Board will publish a subsequent Notice indicating the approximate bill impacts, by customer class, for the proposed April 1, 2013 rate increase once this information is available.

PARTICULARS OF APPLICATION:

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

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An electronic version of the Application is located at http://www.hydro.mb.ca/regulatory_affairs/electric/gra_2012_2013/index.shtml

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE:

The Board will convene a Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) on July 26, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., in its Hearing Room, 4th Floor, 330 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Those seeking Intervener status should notify the Board by July 24, 2012. Interveners may be entitled to financial assistance, and the Board's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) provide the related guidelines, which can be seen at the Board's website www.pub.gov.mb.ca or obtained on request to the Board, by either emailing (publicutilities@gov.mb.ca), writing or calling the Board Secretary (945-2638 or 1-866-854-3698, toll free). Parties wishing to submit a brief or to express comments during the public review process should also contact the Board Secretary.

The purpose of the Pre-Hearing Conference is, among other things, to identify the interveners and their reasons for intervention, to provide an opportunity for interveners to cooperate and avoid duplication of interventions, and to finalize a timetable for the orderly exchange of evidence and information.

Persons wishing to address this Pre-Hearing Conference in French are required to notify the Board's Secretary prior to July 20, 2012.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:

Parties wishing to provide written submissions to the Board respecting Manitoba Hydro's proposed September 1, 2012 2.5% interim rate increase are required to do so by August 8, 2012.

VARIATION:

Upon an application to it, the Board may make an Order granting the whole or part only of the Application, or may grant such further or other relief in addition to, or in substitution for, that applied for, as fully and in all respects as if the Application had been for such partial, or further or other relief.

DATED this 9th day of July, 2012.

H. Singh
Secretary
The Public Utilities Board

