

**A Directive to  
Manitoba Hydro Electric Board  
Respecting Manitoba Hydro's General Rate Application**

**Issued by: Honourable Minister Jeff Wharton**

**Effective: \_\_\_\_\_**

## BACKGROUND

The *Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act* provides for the issuing of directives to one or more Crown corporations as follows:

- 13(1) The minister may — with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council — issue a directive to a corporation
- (a) respecting matters of policy;
    - (a.1) requiring the corporation to conduct an organizational review as specified in the directive;
    - (a.2) requiring the corporation to do something in accordance with its approved annual business plan or prohibiting it from doing anything inconsistent with that plan;
  - (b) to ensure that practices of two or more corporations are consistent; or
  - (c) to ensure that two or more corporations act in concert with each other or with government departments or agencies when doing so will further efficiency and effectiveness.

## PURPOSE

This directive provides instruction to Manitoba Hydro on the requirements and parameters for submission of an interim rate application to The Public Utilities Board for 2021/22, and provides clarification that Government supports multi-year general rate applications for greater efficiency and cost savings.

## APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This directive applies to Manitoba Hydro's 2021/22 interim rate application and future general rate applications to The Public Utilities Board.

## DIRECTIVE

1. Manitoba Hydro is directed to take all steps necessary to proceed with submission of an interim rate application to The Public Utilities Board (or other application as determined by The Public Utilities Board); and
2. Manitoba Hydro is directed to engage with The Public Utilities Board on submitting multi-year general rate applications.

This directive aligns with parameters set forth in The *Crown Corporations Governance and Accountability Act*:

### **Multi-year approvals**

#### 26(1)

A corporation may submit for the approval of The Public Utilities Board pursuant to this Part proposals regarding rates for services relating to a period of not more than three years and the Board shall identify in its order the change approved, if any, with respect to each year.