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VIA COURIER

National Energy Board
444 Seventh Avenue SW
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ATTENTION: Sheri Young, Secretary

Dear Ms. Young:

**RE: APPLICATION BY MANITOBA HYDRO DATED AUGUST 16, 2013
TO EXPORT ELECTRICITY TO GREAT RIVER ENERGY**

Pursuant to Section 16.1 of the *National Energy Board Act* (R.S.C. 1985, c. N-7), Manitoba Hydro requests that the National Energy Board maintain the confidentiality of the redacted provisions identified in the attached 200 MW Diversity Exchange Agreement, which agreement is the subject of Manitoba Hydro's above-referenced Application for export authorization being filed concurrently herewith.

Manitoba Hydro respectfully submits that disclosure of these provisions could reasonably be expected to prejudice Manitoba Hydro's competitive position in the wholesale electricity market. Manitoba Hydro is currently actively engaged in negotiations with other potential customers regarding potential long term electricity sales which could be adversely impacted by the release of these provisions. These provisions were the subject of lengthy negotiations between Manitoba Hydro and Great River Energy. Knowledge of the resolution of these key terms could provide an advantage to competitors of each of the parties and other potential customers of Manitoba Hydro.

Yours truly,

MANITOBA HYDRO LAW DEPARTMENT

Per:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Nancy Zettler'.

NANCY R. ZETTLER
Legal Counsel

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