

**A Directive to  
Manitoba Hydro Electric Board  
Respecting Review of Major Power Purchase or Export  
Contracts**

**Issued by: Honourable Minister Adrien Sala**

**Effective: March 4, 2025**

## BACKGROUND

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

### Directives

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

Manitoba is concerned about energy security and reliability as an economic priority, combined with the impact of tariffs being imposed by the Government of the United States. Manitoba wishes to ensure that a high level of scrutiny and oversight are applied to major power purchase or export contracts with any party or parties in the United States.

This directive instructs Manitoba Hydro to seek the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council prior to:

- (a) entering into any new major power purchase or export contract;
- (b) renewing, extending or declining to renew or extend any existing or new major power purchase or export contract; or
- (c) terminating any existing or new major power purchase or export contract;

with a party or parties in the United States.

## APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This directive applies to “major power purchase or export contracts” as defined by subsection 16(5) of *The Manitoba Hydro Act*, where the party or parties to the contract are in the United States.

This directive applies in addition to the obligations imposed by section 16 of *The Manitoba Hydro Act*.

## **DIRECTIVE**

Manitoba Hydro is directed, effective March 4, 2025:

- (a) to notify the other party or parties to the new major power purchase or export contract or the proposed renewal, extension, declined renewal or extension or termination of an existing major power purchase or export contract that the proposed transaction is subject to approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
- (b) to submit the new major power purchase or export contract or the proposed renewal, extension, declined renewal or extension or termination of an existing major power purchase or export contract for consideration of approval by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, accompanied by all information, analysis and supporting documents requested by Manitoba officials, and not to enter into the proposed transaction unless the Lieutenant Governor in Council has approved the proposed transaction; and
- (c) to consult with Manitoba officials as to any appropriate additional measures regarding confidentiality.