

December 9, 2013

Canadian Taxpayers Federation
1881 Portage Avenue, PO Box 42123
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 3X7

ATTENTION: Colin Craig

Dear Sir:

**RE: Application for Access
Our File FOI 2013-121**

We are in response to the following application:

Please provide all receipts and invoices for the \$211,138 in "First Nation Participating Party Costs" expensed by Tataskweyak Cree Nation in F2013 (see FOI 2013-74).

Your request is refused. As with previous requests of this nature, the details with respect to these expenditures are provided to Manitoba Hydro on a confidential basis and fall within the confidentiality provisions of which you have been previously advised in the Joint Keeyask Development Agreement. Accordingly, subsection 18(1)(b) applies and results in a mandatory refusal to disclose. Furthermore, Manitoba Hydro is of the view that release of this information, which would breach confidentiality undertakings would, be harmful to Manitoba Hydro's relationship with the Tataskweyak Cree Nation which exemption is provided for in subsection 21(1)(c.1).

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have sixty (60) days from receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 - 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3X1
982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531

Yours truly,



R.D. Bettner
Access & Privacy Officer

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