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August 28, 2012

Canadian Taxpayer's Federation - Manitoba Division  
1881 Portage Avenue  
P.O. Box 42123  
Winnipeg, MB  
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**Attention: Colin Craig**

Dear Sir:

**RE: APPLICATION FOR ACCESS  
OUR FILE FOI 2012-55**

We are in reply to the following request:

Please provide documentation on the First Nation employee that was terminated for altering invoices payable to Manitoba Hydro. See the Integrity Program item disclosed in Manitoba Hydro's 2010-11 Annual Report on page 49. Please ensure memos, briefing notes and emails related to the matter are disclosed.

Your request is refused.

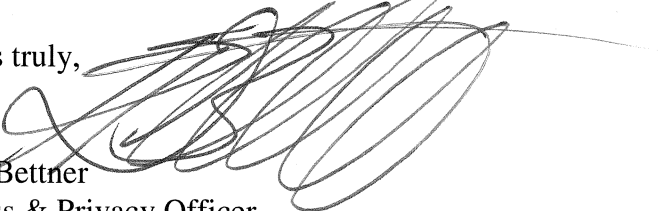
Manitoba Hydro refuses to confirm or deny the existence of memos, briefing notes and emails with respect to this matter as provided for in subsection 12(2)(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. We note that this particular subsection refers to matters further set out in sections 24 & 25 of the *Act* which speak to individual or public safety and law enforcement and legal proceedings. Hypothetically and by way of general principle, requests of this nature raise questions regarding third party privacy as set out in Section 17 of the *Act* and would also in such circumstances involve questions of advice to a public body as more fully detailed under subsection 23(1). In addition, issues of law enforcement (S.25) and solicitor-client privilege (S.27) may arise.

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 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

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Manitoba Ombudsman  
750 - 500 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 3X1  
204-982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531

Yours truly,



R.D. Bettner  
Access & Privacy Officer

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