

October 7, 2013

Canadian Taxpayers Federation
1881 Portage Avenue
P.O. Box 42123
Winnipeg, MB R3J 3X7

ATTENTION: Colin Craig

Dear Sir:

RE: Application for Access
Our File FOI 2013 – 103

We are responding to the following Access Request:

Please provide documentation on forecasts of ratepayers' incomes and income growth that Manitoba Hydro used when preparing its submission for the NFAT review. Please also provide forecasts of ratepayers' incomes and income growth used for analyzing the ability of ratepayers to pay for future hydro rates. The time frame for this request does not go back prior to January 1, 2006.

Your request is refused.

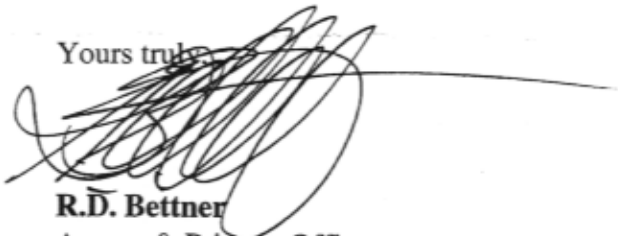
The NFAT submission uses Manitoba Bureau of Statistics information with respect to population growth which is an input into the derivation of the Electric Load Forecast. Ratepayers' incomes and income growth do not form part of the analysis set forth in the NFAT submission and as you will discern from reading the submission, there is no discussion within the submission of ability to pay. *

The absence of documentation is a deemed refusal pursuant to paragraph 12(1)(c)(i) of the Act.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R.D. Bettner", written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat scribbled and overlaps the line.

R.D. Bettner
Access & Privacy Officer

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