



# POWER NORTH

A Proposal for Positive Action



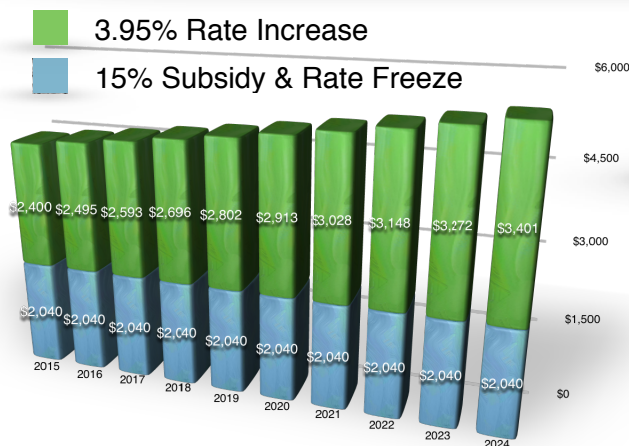
Manitobans are **plugged in** to a massive northern hydropower system, and as a result, we enjoy some of the lowest energy rates in North America. Communities in the South **benefit** greatly from this resource, but communities in the North have faced decades of **negative impacts** and **unfair treatment**. **This needs to change!**

"Looking back at ...the effects on Aboriginal communities in Manitoba, I wish now on behalf of the Government of Manitoba to express my sincere apology to Aboriginal peoples affected by hydro development."  
**Premier Selinger - 2015**

Huge Hydro bills are a monthly **burden** and **insult** for hydro-affected peoples.

**THIS CAN CHANGE!**

The time for **reconciliation** with Indigenous people is now. One piece of that is reconciliation between peoples at either ends of Manitoba's north-south power lines. **We propose to start by:**



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## Rates

MB Hydro predicts rate increases of 3.95% annually for the next 15 years.

### We Propose

A flat 15% hydro bill subsidy **and** rate freeze for hydro-affected communities starting in 2016. This will result in an annual savings of up to \$1,361 by 2024 (see bar graph). Some northern MB Hydro workers get subsidized heating; hydro-affected peoples deserve a break too.

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## Efficiency

Northern hydro bills are high largely because of substandard housing and cold temperatures.

### We Propose

An aggressive northern roll-out of MB Hydro's Power Smart program for First Nations, making homes more efficient.

**\$923**

AVG Annual Savings in the Lower Income Energy Efficiency Program.  
**Let's bring these savings to the North!**

MB Hydro speaks of a "**new era**" in the North. Though there are big problems with this era, it is founded on two important concepts: **consent** and **benefit sharing**.

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## Consent

### We Propose

New dams, power lines and licences should be subject to the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of affected Indigenous peoples.

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## Sharing

### We Propose

Water rental payments from Manitoba Hydro should be shared by all affected peoples.

**\$117 Million** in **WATER RENT** from **Manitoba Hydro** to the **PROVINCE** in 2014



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