

US energy Consultant comes forward to back up Whistleblower.

Manitoba Post - A Energy Consultant from the United States has come forward saying the whistleblower's allegations about Manitoba Hydro are correct and have merit.

You can read the report at :

http://www.cbc.ca/manitoba/includes/pdfs/mccullough_hydro_report.pdf

The report was done by *Robert McCullough*.

Here are the highlights :

1. "Overall, the [whistleblower's] concerns appear consistent with current academic research on long-term drought risks and impacts and deserve further public scrutiny,"
2. "The risk manager's concerns appear consistent with the limited data available for Manitoba Hydro. In addition, the risk manager's criticisms of the ICF report are accurate. A thorough public review of Manitoba Hydro's methodology and data is overdue. "
3. The only unusual characteristic of Manitoba Hydro is the secrecy with which it conducts its everyday operations. Manitoba Hydro provides very limited materials to the Manitoba Public Utilities Board. Hydroelectric operations, export sales, and even the Manitoba Hydro resource plan **are shrouded in secrecy**. Manitoba Hydro has never provided a convincing reason for its unwillingness to follow industry practice accepted elsewhere in the U.S. and Canada. It appears likely that its level of secrecy reflects an unwillingness to risk a repeat of the scandal uncovered by the Tritschler Commission in the late 1970s.³ The Tritschler Commission identified weak planning practices and deception by Manitoba Hydro management. **It should be noted that Manitoba Hydro has released information to possible competitors that would not be released to its own ratepayers and voters.**