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Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Amended General Rate Application - Newfoundland Power and Hydro Rural customer rates, effective February 1, 2015


Hydro filed an amended general rate application on November 10, 2014 seeking, among other things, an Order of the Board approving revised rates for Newfoundland Power and Hydro Rural customers, effective February 1, 2015.

Hydro confirmed in correspondence, dated November 28, 2014, that it was seeking approval of these rates on an interim basis effective February 1, 2015 in advance of the conclusion of the general rate application. The Board notes that notice of the amended general rate application has not yet been published and that the rates proposed in the amended general rate application are significantly different than those proposed in the 2013 general rate application filed on July 30, 2013. For example, the July 2013 proposals resulted in an average overall rate decrease for Newfoundland Power residential customers whereas the amended application proposals would result in an average overall rate increase of 2.8% in 2015 for Newfoundland Power residential customers. Given the significant changes in the amended general rate application the Board believes that notice must be published before the proposals can be considered.

After notice is published the Board will schedule a counsel meeting to address further consideration of the request for approval of revised rates for Newfoundland Power and Hydro Rural customers and the flow through of any rate changes. At this stage it appears that a February 1, 2015 effective date is unlikely in light of the timeframe required for the implementation of revised rates at the retail level.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jgynn@pub.nl.ca or telephone (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,


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