

July 14, 2015

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 12040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's 2013 Amended General Rate Application

Re: Requests for Information CA-NLH-361 to CA-NLH-372

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the Consumer Advocate's Requests for Information numbered CA-NLH-361 to CA-NLH-372 in relation to the above noted Application.

A copy of the letter, together with enclosure, has been forwarded directly to the parties listed below.

If you have any questions regarding the filing, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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Nunatsiavut Government c/o Benson Buffett PO Box 1538 9th Floor, Atlantic Place 215 Water Street St. John's, NL A1C 5N8 Attention: Genevieve M. Dawson

## IN THE MATTER OF

the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act");

AND

## IN THE MATTER OF

a General Rate Application (the "Amended Application") by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approvals of, under Sections 70 and 75 of the Act, changes in the rates to be charged for the supply of power and energy to Newfoundland Power, Rural Customers and Industrial Customers; and under Section 71 of the Act, changes in the Rules and Regulations applicable to the supply of electricity to Rural Customers.

## CONSUMER ADVOCATE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CA-NLH-361 to CA-NLH-372

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1	CA-NLH-361	(Reference interim rates approvals in Board Orders No. P.U.
2		17(2015) and No. P.U. 21(2015)) Please provide a table showing
3		for each customer class the average rates in cents/kWh: 1) prior to
4		implementation of interim rates; i.e., on January 1, 2015), 2)
5		following implementation of interim rates (i.e., on July 1, 2015),
6		and 3) assuming rates proposed in the Amended 2013 GRA are
7		approved. Please include columns showing the percentage rate
8		increase in each instance.
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10	CA-NLH-362	(Reference interim rates approvals in Board Orders No. P.U.
11		17(2015) and No. P.U. 21(2015)) Following the approval of interim
12		rates, what percentage rate increase is required to bring each customer
13		class rate up to the rates proposed in the Amended 2013 GRA
14		including all of the proposed rate adders/riders; i.e., such as the 2014
15		revenue deficiency, the 2015 revenue deficiency, etc?
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17	CA-NLH-363	(Reference interim rates approvals in Board Orders No. P.U.
18		17(2015) and No. P.U. 21(2015)) What is Hydro now proposing as a
19		transition plan for bringing Island Industrial Customer rates up to the
20		full cost of supply determined by the 2015 test year cost of service
21		study consistent with Government Directive OC2013-089, as
22		amended?
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24	CA-NLH-364	Since OC2013-089, as amended, was issued, how much have IIC
25		rates been increased before and after accounting for the revenue
26		transfer from the RSP account set up to fund Hydro's revenue loss;
27		i.e., how much have IIC rates been increased on paper and how much
28		are the IICs actually paying on an average basis?
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30	CA-NLH-365	Please update the response to RSP-CA-NLH-7 to include the years
31		2013 and 2014.
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(Reference RSP-CA-NLH-7) Please complete the following table for each year from 2008 through 2014 (the table below shows only 2012). The column titled COS Revenue refers to the revenues that would have been generated had IIC rates not been frozen and the load variation component of the RSP had been allowed to operate based on energy shares which Hydro has indicated most closely approximates cost of service.

Customer	Average Actual  Revenue  (cents/kWh)	Average COS  Revenue  (cents/kWh)	Revenue/Cost Ratio (%)
CBPP	5.14	8.32	61.8
NARL	3.97	7.15	55.6
Teck	2.99	7.38	40.5

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Please file a copy of the correspondence from CBPP when it first notified Hydro that it would be reducing energy demand from 278 GWh in 2008 to 95 GWh in 2009 (see RSP-CA-NLH-7).

Please file a copy of the most recent correspondence from Vale notifying Hydro of its forecast load.

Please provide a comparison of forecast to actual energy load on the Island for each customer class according to the following:

- As forecast in the 2006 GRA for the years 2007 through 2014;
- As forecast in the 2013 GRA for the years 2013 and 2014;
- As forecast in the Amended 2013 GRA for year-to-date 2015.

1	CA-NLH-370	What are Hydro's contractual/regulatory obligations relating to
2		connection facilities, and more specifically, the CBPP frequency
3		converter; i.e., what liabilities would Hydro face if it did not maintain
4		the frequency converter?
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6	CA-NLH-371	When was the frequency converter first placed into service?
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7 8	CA-NLH-372	Please provide a list of occasions when Hydro has had to purchase
	CA-NLH-372	Please provide a list of occasions when Hydro has had to purchase power from the CBPP cogeneration facility when it was spilling water

Dated at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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