

## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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2015-06-15

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, Q.C. Cox & Palmer Scotia Centre, Suite 1000 235 Water Street St. John's, NL A1C 1B6

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Amended General Rate Application - Requests for Information

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-V-1 to PUB-V-3 regarding the above-noted application.

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

Yours truly,

Sara Kean

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1	IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power
2	Control Act, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the
3	"EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990,
4	Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), as amended, and regulations
5	thereunder; and
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7	IN THE MATTER OF a general rate application
8	filed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on
9	July 30, 2013; and
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11	IN THE MATTER OF an amended general rate
12	application filed by Newfoundland and Labrador
13	Hydro on November 10, 2014.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

PUB-V-1 to PUB-V-3

Issued: June 15, 2015

1 2 3	PUB-V-1	Please provide in electronic format all Appendices (A-E) to your Expert's Report, with all formulas and links intact.
4 5 6 7 8 9 10	PUB-V-2	In your Expert's report in Section 4: Industrial Customer Second Block Energy Rate, page 16, you recognized that a second block energy rate set at marginal cost of energy sends a price signal to customers to conserve electric energy. However, due to Vale's load ramping up, you agree with Hydro that a second block not be implemented for industrial customers. Why would it be improper to provide a marginal cost energy price signal to Vale during the ramping up period?
12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	PUB-V-3	In your Expert's report in Section 4: Industrial Customer Second Block Energy Rate, page 16, you recognized that a second block energy rate set at marginal cost of energy sends a price signal to customers to conserve electric energy. However, due to Vale's load ramping up, you agree with Hydro that a second block not be implemented for industrial customers. Do you agree that a single energy rate of 5.15 cents per kWh, if the marginal cost of energy is 15.37 cents per kWh, would provide for the implementation of economically perverse energy price signals for all industrials customers at this time and at least for the next several years? Please provide a detailed explanation of your response.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2015.

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**Assistant Board Secretary**