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Dear Mr. Johnson:

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

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-CA-3 to PUB-CA-4 regarding the above-noted application.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, e-mail, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or 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.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-CA-3 to PUB-CA-4

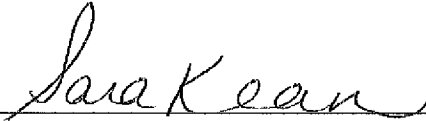
Issued: June 15, 2015

1 **PUB-CA-3** In your pre-filed evidence, Section 7. Island Industrial Customer Rates, you
2 state "*The fact is, there are alternative rate designs available that better meet*
3 *rate design objectives than the rate design proposed by Hydro in the Amended*
4 *2013 GRA.*" (page 17, lines 22-23) Also you state "*The absence of a marginal*
5 *price signal in the Island Industrial Customer rates represents a lost*
6 *opportunity that has been missed since the 2008 study referenced earlier was*
7 *completed.*" (page 18, lines 18-20) However, you conclude with a
8 recommendation that the Board accepts Hydro's proposed Island Industrial
9 Customer rate design. Do you agree that energy rates to Industrial Customers
10 based on a two block structure with the second block reflecting marginal cost
11 would convey a more appropriate price signal? Please provide a detailed
12 explanation of your response.
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14 **PUB-CA-4** In your pre-filed evidence, Section 8. Newfoundland Power (NP) Rate, you
15 recognized Hydro's much better job of reflecting marginal cost in setting the
16 capacity charge for NP in the Amended 2013 GRA. Would you agree that a
17 better wholesale rate design for Newfoundland Power would have an energy
18 tail block rate set at marginal cost? Please provide a detailed explanation of
19 your response.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 15th day of June 2015.

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Per 
Sara Kean
Assistant Board Secretary