NLH 2013 Amended General Rate Application Undertaking - <u>1744</u>1 Filed: Sept 30, 2015 Board Secretary: SK

# **Undertaking 41**

Test Year forecast normalization impact on proposed rates for Island Industrial Customers using the forecasted increased load of Vale and Praxair.

## IIC Demand Growth in 2016 and 2017

Attachment 1 to this undertaking provides a demand unit cost comparison based on the 2015 Test Year, forecasts for 2016 and 2017 and based on the average of the demand forecasts for 2015 Test Year to 2017. Under the current rate design methodology, the unit demand cost in the test year is used to determine the demand rate for IIC. The analysis assumes no change in demand cost revenue requirement from that reflected in the 2015 Test Year revenue requirement.

Table 1 summarizes the results of the analysis on the unit demand costs for the IIC and the forecast impact on demand billing beyond the test year using the unit demand cost for each year as the test year billing rate.

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Impact of Normalization of Tes	t Ye	ar Forecast o	n llC	Test Year D	ema	nd Charge		
	20	15 Test Year	20	16F	20	17F	201	srage .5TY-2017F
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		(A)		(8)		(C)		(D)
IC Allocated Demand Revenue Requirement (\$)	\$	8,920,028	\$	10,058,214	\$	11,649,250	\$ 1	0,235,517
IC Demand Billing Units (kW)		1,064,800		1,207,100		1,390,600	-	1,220,833
IC Demand Cost (\$/kW)	\$	8.38	\$	8.33	\$	8.38	\$	8.38
IIC Demand Billing Impact beyond Test Year	1		\$	(60,355)	\$	- 1	\$	

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Table 1 shows that while the allocated demand revenue requirement to IIC increases materially using the 2016 and 2017 forecasts reflecting the higher demand requirements for the IIC, there is minimal change in the unit demand costs as a result of the higher demand billing units used to compute the unit cost.

# IIC Energy Growth in 2016 and 2017

Attachment 2 to this undertaking provides an energy unit cost comparison based on the 2015 Test Year, forecasts for 2016 and 2017 and based on the average of the energy forecasts for 2015 Test Year to 2017. Under the current rate design methodology, the unit energy cost in the test year is used to determine the energy rate for IIC. The analysis assumes no change in energy cost revenue requirement from that reflected in the 2015 Test Year revenue requirement.

Table 2 summarizes the results of the analysis on the unit energy costs for the IIC and the forecast impact on energy billing beyond the test year using the unit energy cost for each year as the test year billing rate.

	20	15 Test Yea	rji	2016F	 2017F	20	Average 15TY-2007F
		(A)		(B)	(C)		(D)
IIC Allocated Energy Revenue Requirement (\$)	\$	32,010,206		\$ 38,628,580	\$ 42,877,313	\$	37,946,805
IIC Energy Billing Units (kWh)		621,400		777,900	 873,500		757,600
IIC Energy Cost (¢/kWh)	Ş	5.151	ç	6 4.966	\$ 4.909	\$	5.009
IIC Energy Billing Impact beyond Test Year (\$)	\$			\$ (144,342)	\$ (211,933)	\$	(107,948)

 Table 2

 Impact of Normalization of Test Year Forecast on IIC Test Year Energy Charge

Table 2 shows that while the allocated energy revenue requirement to IIC increases materially using the 2016 and 2017 forecasts reflecting the higher energy requirements for the IIC, there is minimal change in the unit energy costs as a result of the higher energy billing units used to compute the unit cost.

Additional fuel costs incurred at Holyrood to serve the increased IIC load beyond the 2015 Test Year will be shared between Newfoundland Power and IIC through the load variation component of the RSP which all parties have agreed will be based on the percentage of annual energy use. This approach is consistent with the cost of service methodology. This ensures IIC pays a fair portion of the additional fuel costs incurred as a result of load growth beyond the test year.

## Summary

Based on the combined effect of the minimal change in unit costs and the operation of the RSP to recover additional fuel costs to serve IIC load growth, Hydro does not consider it necessary to adjust the test year used in the 2015 Test Year cost of service to reflect a normalization of demand and energy allocators.

#### Allocation of 2015 Test Year Demand Revenue Requirement Using Forecast Billing Demand

\$9.96 Line 12/Line 13

173,836,508 (Line 9+12+15)

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\$9.72 Line 12/Line 13

173,836,508 (Line 9+12+15)

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No		2015 Test Year					2016 F	orecast	2017 Forecast				
		Produ	ction	Transmis	ssion	Produc	tion	Transmis	sion	Produ	tion	Transmi	sion
		Demand		Demand		Demand		Demand		Demand		Demand	
		(1 CP kW)	% of Total	(CP kW)	% of Total	(1 CP kW)	% of Total	(CP kW)	% of Total	(1 CP kW)	% of Total	(CP kW)	% of
		A	6	с	D .	A	В	c	D	A	В	с	
	Amounts					1							
1	Newfoundiand Power	1,296,985	88.6%	1,288,081	88.9%	1,319,456	88.2%	1,309,800	88.5%	1,342,123	87.5%	1,331,700	
2	Industrial - Firm	75,597	5.2%	73,040	5.0%	86,940	5.8%	84,000	5.7%	103,190	6.7%	99,700	
3	Rural	91,636	6.3%	88,537	6.1%	89,838	6.0%	86,800	5.9%	88,182	5.8%	85,200	
4	Total	1,464,218	1 -	1,449,658	z	1,496,234		1,480,600		1,533,494		1,516,600	
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	Total Allocated Revenue Requirement												
5	Newfoundland Power	126,280,957	88.5%	27,629,848	88.8%	125,848,725	88.2%	27,536,080	88.5%	124,900,308	87.5%	27,331,925	
6	Industrial - Firm	7,354,554	5.2%	1,565,473	5.0%	8,292,272	5.8%	1,765,942	5.7%	9,602,998	6.7%	2,046,251	
7	Rural	9,074,169	6.4%	1,931,507	6.2%	8,568,681	6.0%	1,824,807	5.9%	8,206,374	5.8%	1,748,652	
8	Total	142,709,680	3	31,126,828	4	142,709,680	_	31,126,828		142,709,680		31,126,828	
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9	IC Allocated Revenue Requirement (\$)	8,920,028	(Line 6, Col A and	Col C)		10,058,214	(Line 6, Col A ar	nd Col C)		11,649,250	(Line 6, Col A	and Col C)	
10	IC Demand Billing Units (kW)	1,054,800				1,207,100				1,390,600			
11	IC Demand Cost (\$/kW)	\$8.38	Line 9/Line 10			\$8.33	Line 9/Line 10			\$8.38	Line 9/Line 10	)	
12	NP Allocated Revenue Requirement (\$)	153,910,805	(Line 5, Col A and	Col C)		153,384,806	(Line 5, Col A ar	rd Col C)		152,232,233	(Line 5, Col A	and Col C)	
13	NP Demand Billing Units (kW)	15,122,049				15,401,172				15,665,052			

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14 NP Demand Cost (\$/kW)

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15 Rural Allocated Revenue Requirement (\$)

16 Total Allocated Revenue Requirement (\$)

\$10.18

173,836,508 (Line 9+12+15)

11,005,675

Line 12/Line 13

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88.4%

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Transmission

Demand

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1.309.860

1,482,286

27,506,026

1,797,112

31,126,828

6.0% 1,823,690

85.580

86,846

(CP kW) % of Total

3 Yr Average

Production

Demand

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1,319,518

88.575

89,885

1,497,979

125.708.073

8,438,405

8,563,203

1,220,833

15.396.091

10.386.893

142,709,680

% of Total D

87.8%

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(1 CP kW) % of Total

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88.1%

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10,235,517 (Line 6, Col A and Col C)

\$8.38 Line 9/Line 10 153,214,099 (Line 5, Col A and Col C)

\$9.95 Line 12/Line 13

173,836,508 (Line 9+12+15)

Attachment 2

Allocation of 2015 Test Year Energy Revenue Requirement Using Forecast Energy

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No		2015 Te	est Year	2016 Fo	recast	2017 F	orecast	3 Yr Average		
	Basis of Allocation - Energy	(MWh @ Gen)	% of Total	(MWh @ Gen)	% of Total	(MWh @ Gen)	% of Total	(MWh @ Gen)	% of Total	
		A	В	A	В	А	В	A	В	
	Amounts									
1	Newfoundland Power	6,118,065	85%	6,227,277	83%	6,238,298	82%	6,194,547	83%	
2	Industrial - Firm	641,745	9%	801,237	11%	899,705	12%	780,896	10%	
3	Rural	479,089	7%	474,933	6%	452,685	6%	468,902	- 6%	
4	Total	7,238,900	1	7,503,447		7,590,688		7,444,345		
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	Total Allocated Revenue Requirement									
5	Newfoundland Power	305,414,747	84%	300,224,366	83%	297,299,067	82%	301,017,406	83%	
6	Industrial - Firm	32,010,206	9%	38,628,580	11%	42,877,313	12%	37,946,805	10%	
7	Ruraì	24,325,073	7%	22,897,080	6%	21,573,645	6%	22,785,815	- 6%	
8	Total Energy Costs	361,750,026	2	361,750,026		361,750,026	- J	361,750,026		
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9	IC Energy Billing Units (kWh)	621.400		777,900		873,500	-	757,600		
10	IC Energy Cost (¢/kWh)	5.151	(Line 6/Line 9)	4,965	(Line 6/Line 9)	4.909	(Line 6/Line 9)	5.009	(Line 6/Line 9)	
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11	NP Energy Billing Units (kWh)	5,924,100		6,045,900		6,056,600		6,008,867		
12	NP Energy Cost (¢/kWh)	5.16	(Line 5/Line 11)	4.97	(Line 5/Line 11)	4.91	(Line 5/Line 11)	5.01	(Line 5/Line 11)	

#### Notes:

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