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1 CHAIRMAN:
 2 Q. Good afternoon, everybody. We're here to
 3 officially, I guess, open up the proceedings
 4 by way of this pre-hearing conference. I'm
 5 Andy Wells, Chairman. On my left is our Vice
 6 Chairman Whalen. On my - they changed, oh!
 7 On my near left is Commissioner Oxford, and
 8 further over is Commissioner Newman. I shall
 9 now turn it over to Jacqui Glynn, our Board
 10 Counsel, to introduce some matters of
 11 procedural significance.

12 MS. GLYNN:
 13 Q. Before we do get to that, Chair, we do have a
 14 different group of people before us today, so
 15 I would ask for all the parties to introduce
 16 themselves and have their names put into the
 17 record, please. We can start with
 18 Newfoundland Hydro?

19 MR. YOUNG:
 20 Q. Thank you. On behalf of the Applicant,
 21 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, is Geoff
 22 Young, internal counsel, and with me Colin
 23 Feltham, external counsel.

24 MR. O'BRIEN:
 25 Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,

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1 Liam O'Brien from Curtis Dawe, and Gerard
 2 Hayes, here for Newfoundland Power.

3 MR. JOHNSON:
 4 Q. Good afternoon, Tom Johnson, for the consumer
 5 advocate.

6 HEARN, Q.C.:
 7 Q. Edward Hearn for the Towns of Labrador City,
 8 Wabush, Happy Valley Goose Bay, and Northwest
 9 River.

10 O'REILLY, Q.C.:
 11 Q. Good afternoon, Commissioners, Tom O'Reilly,
 12 and I appear for Vale Newfoundland and
 13 Labrador, and with me, but not here today, is
 14 going to be Mr. Denis Fleming.

15 MR. COXWORTHY:
 16 Q. Good afternoon, Commissioners, Paul Coxworthy
 17 for Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, North
 18 Atlantic Refining Limited, and Teck Resources
 19 Limited, and also not here with me today, but
 20 co-counsel for that group is Dean Porter.

21 MS. GLYNN:
 22 Q. And I would ask for the parties that are
 23 joining us by tele-conference to please
 24 identify themselves. Stephanie, maybe you
 25 could start, please?

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1 MS. KEARNS:
 2 Q. Good afternoon, Commissioners, it's Stephanie
 3 Kearns, and I'm legal counsel for Innu Nation.

4 MS. GLYNN:
 5 Q. And Christian? Are you there, Christian?
 6 Okay, we did have a participant on the phone,
 7 Christian Von Donat, who was representing
 8 Yvonne Jones, and I'm unsure what happened.
 9 He did indicate that he did not have any
 10 issues and that they were in agreement with
 11 the rules and procedure and the schedule which
 12 would be entered here today. I think we can
 13 proceed.

14 CHAIRMAN:
 15 Q. Yes, if they're not there, they're not there.

16 MS. GLYNN:
 17 Q. Okay. My name is Jacqui Glynn. I'm legal
 18 counsel for the Board. With me, we have
 19 Cheryl Blundon, who is the Board Secretary,
 20 Maureen Greene, hearing counsel, and in the
 21 room we also have Sara Kean, Andrew Davis,
 22 Mike McNiven, all staff with the Board, and
 23 Sam Banfield, who is the engineering
 24 consultant. They will all be working on the
 25 file for the Board's behalf. I would like to

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1 confirm the Notice of the Application, Chair?

2 CHAIRMAN:
 3 Q. Uh-hm, yes.

4 MS. GLYNN:
 5 Q. Perfect. On July 30th, 2013, the Board
 6 received a General Rate Application from
 7 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, to establish
 8 new rates for its customers. Hydro is
 9 requesting that the Board approve rates to be
 10 charged for the supply of power and energy to
 11 its customers effective January 1st, 2014, and
 12 for rules and regulations applicable to the
 13 supply of power and energy to its customers.
 14 Notice of this Application was published in
 15 newspapers throughout the province starting on
 16 August 17th, 2013. The notice was published
 17 in The Telegram and numerous papers across the
 18 province, including in Labrador.

19 CHAIRMAN:
 20 Q. All right, where am I now on this list?

21 MS. GLYNN:
 22 Q. To confirm the Notice of Intervention. I can
 23 just keep on rolling, if you wish.

24 CHAIRMAN:
 25 Q. Yes, you keep on rocking.

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1 MS. GLYNN:
 2 Q. The deadline for filing of interventions was
 3 Friday, August 30th, 2013. The Board has
 4 received notice of seven intervenor
 5 submissions. Counsel has previously been
 6 identified. The submissions are from
 7 Newfoundland Power Inc.; the consumer
 8 advocate, Tom Johnson; the island industrial
 9 customers, including Corner Brook Pulp and
 10 Paper, North Atlantic Refining, and Teck
 11 Resources; Vale Newfoundland and Labrador
 12 Limited; Towns of Labrador City, Wabush, Happy
 13 Valley Goose Bay, and Northwest River; the
 14 Innu Nation; and the MP, Yvonne Jones. I do
 15 not see any other parties, so there are no
 16 other intervenors in this Application, Chair.
 17 CHAIRMAN:
 18 Q. Okay.
 19 MS. GLYNN:
 20 Q. Just as a note, we have already received some
 21 comments from the public on this Application.
 22 As with previous Applications, we will contact
 23 these parties to confirm that they want these
 24 comments to be made part of the public record,
 25 and once we have done that, we will circulate

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1 and distribute these. They will also be
 2 available on the website of the Board.
 3 CHAIRMAN:
 4 Q. All right, and the housekeeping issues?
 5 MS. GLYNN:
 6 Q. We do have a greater number of participants
 7 than we have in the past, so the hearings room
 8 may be a little bit different than we are used
 9 to. When we get into the actual hearing, we
 10 may have an additional two parties, there may
 11 be some physical layout issues that we have to
 12 deal with, but we can take care of that in due
 13 course. We also have the transcriber here,
 14 Glenda Gibbons.
 15 CHAIRMAN:
 16 Q. Okay, now our rules of procedures?
 17 MS. GLYNN:
 18 Q. The rules of procedure have been circulated to
 19 the parties and they have been discussed by
 20 counsel. The rules are very consistent with
 21 rules that we have used through most of our
 22 General Rate Reviews and in our recent
 23 hearings, with some very minor changes which
 24 we have highlighted to the parties without
 25 issue. One issue of interest, I guess, is

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1 that we have allowed for the parties that are
 2 outside of St. John's, we have given them an
 3 additional period of time to file their paper
 4 copies.
 5 CHAIRMAN:
 6 Q. Sure, and the dates have been - I think
 7 they've been agreed to?
 8 MS. GLYNN:
 9 Q. Yes, the schedule of dates has also been
 10 circulated and agreed to by the counsel. We
 11 have two rounds of requests for information.
 12 The first round is starting on September 23rd,
 13 2013. This will be followed by filing of
 14 experts' reports, and another round of RFI's.
 15 We also have a specified period of time for
 16 negotiation discussions. They're scheduled to
 17 commence January 15th, 2013 (sic.) and the
 18 public hearing is scheduled to commence on
 19 February 11th, 2013 (sic.). The dates and
 20 order of the witnesses for the hearing, that
 21 will be determined at a later date once we
 22 have the issues explored and discussed
 23 further.
 24 CHAIRMAN:
 25 Q. So nobody has any comment on that. Are there

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1 any other matters that anybody wishes to bring
 2 up before we adjourn these proceedings. Well,
 3 it looks like we stand adjourned. Thank you
 4 very much.
 5 MS. GLYNN:
 6 Q. Thank you, Chair.
 7 CHAIRMAN:
 8 Q. See you here in the new year, I guess.
 9 Hearing concluded at 2:12 p.m.

1 CERTIFICATE

2 I, Gwen Halliday, do hereby certify that the
3 foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a
4 Pre-hearing Conference into Newfoundland and
5 Labrador Hydro's 2013 General Rate Application
6 heard on the 12th day of September, 2013 at the
7 offices of the Public Utilities Board, 120 Torbay
8 Road, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador and was
9 transcribed by me to the best of my ability by
10 means of a sound apparatus.

11 Dated at St. John's, NL this
12 15th day of September, 2013
13 Gwen Halliday
14 Discoveries Unlimited Inc.

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