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Via Electronic Mail

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Prince Charles Building
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Attention: Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

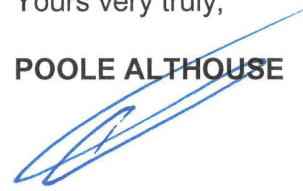
Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2024 Capital Budget Application

Please find attached the Requests for Information of the Island Industrial Customers Group in relation to the above noted Application.

We trust you find the foregoing satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

POOLE ALTHOUSE



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IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*,
RSNL 1990, c P-47 (the “Act”); and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application
by Newfoundland and Labrador
Hydro (“Hydro”) for approval of:

- (a) its capital budget for 2024,
pursuant to Section 41(1) of the
Act;
- (b) its proposed capital purchases
and construction projects for
2024 in excess of \$750,000,
pursuant to Section 41(3)(a) of
the Act; and
- (c) for an Order, pursuant to
Section 78 of the Act, fixing and
determining its average rate
base for 2022 (“Application”).

**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OF THE
ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS GROUP**

IC-NLH-0011 – IC-NLH-005

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IC-NLH-001 **Schedule 1, 2024 Capital Budget Overview, page 34, Table 10:
Specifically Assigned Capital Work**

Table 10 of Schedule 1, Section 6.7 of Hydro’s Application identifies renewal of assets specifically assigned to two of the Island Industrial Customers (Braya Renewal Fuels (Newfoundland) LP and Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited) as part of its Five-Year Capital Plan (2024 – 2028). Is the 2024 specifically assigned cost of \$53,800.00 for that project identified as “VBNTS Install Fire Protection” to be specifically assigned to Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited a portion of that proposed project entitled “Install Fire Protection in 230 km stations (2024 – 2025) – Voisey’s Bay”, with a total spend of \$652,800.00 (identified at page 1 of the Proposals under \$750,000.00)?

IC-NLH-002 Why is the VBNTS fire protection necessary (please include reference to any applicable standards)?

- 1 IC-NLH-003 Does the VBNTS fire protection provide benefits to Island System
2 customers other than Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited?
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- 4 IC-NLH-004 With reference to Section 2.0, Capital Expenditures Summary, Chart 1:
5 Historical, Budget, and Forecast Capital Budget Expenditures:
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- 7 (a) Please confirm that for the period 2012-2022 (inclusive) this Chart
8 accurately presents actual capital budget expenditures for each of
9 those years.
- 10 (b) For the period 2012-2022, provide, on the same chart with actual
11 capital budget expenditures:
- 12 (i) A representation of the Capital Expenditures approved for each
13 year by Capital Budget Application (ie. not by a Supplementary
14 Capital Expenditure Application); and
- 15 (ii) A representation of the Capital Expenditures approved for each
16 year by either Capital Budget Application or Supplementary
17 Capital Expenditure Application.
- 18 IC-NLH-005 At this time, is Hydro aware of any other new projects within or outside its
19 Five-Year Capital Plan that will be proposed to be specifically assigned to
20 any member of the Island Industrial Customer Group (Braya Renewable
21 Fuels (Newfoundland) LP, Corner Brook Pulp & Paper Limited or Vale
22 Newfoundland and Labrador Limited)?

DATED at Corner Brook, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 21st day of August, 2023.

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Per: 

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STEWART MCKELVEY

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Paul L. Coxworthy

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Denis Fleming

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- TO: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, Ms. Sara Kean, PUB Official Email
- TO: Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro
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- TO: Newfoundland Power Inc.
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