

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
AND
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO
GENERAL RATE APPLICATION**

On July 28, 2017 the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities received a general rate application (the “Application”) from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for a full review of its costs and rates. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro is requesting that the Board approve, among other things:

- (i) rates to be charged for the supply of power and energy to its customers effective on an interim basis January 1, 2018;
- (ii) rates to be charged for the supply of power and energy to its customers effective on a final basis January 1, 2019; and
- (iii) rules and regulations applicable to the supply of power and energy to its customers.

All customers of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro as well as customers of Newfoundland Power Inc. may be affected by the outcome of this Application as all aspects of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s regulated activities are subject to review.

RATE IMPACTS

The specific impacts of Hydro’s proposals on customer rates will depend on rate classification and individual circumstances, including electrical consumption. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro estimates that, if the Application is approved, rates for residential and general service customers in all rate classes will increase on average by 5.9% to 6.6% in 2018 and 6.4% to 6.6% in 2019, and rates for its Island Industrial Customers will increase on average by 6.2% in 2018 and 7.2% in 2019.

These estimated rate increases do not include customer rate impacts that may result from: i) the conclusion in 2018 of the Rate Stabilization Plan (RSP) rate mitigation adjustment that was approved effective July 1, 2017; ii) the impact of future recovery of deferred energy supply costs; and iii) rate changes associated with the normal operation of the RSP. The magnitude of these additional rate impacts are not known at this time but may be material.

HOW TO SEE THE APPLICATION

Copies of the Application, the legislation and regulations are available on the Board’s website at www.pub.nl.ca or by request from the Board Secretary at (709) 726-8600. The Application and supporting documentation can also be viewed at the offices of the Board between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon request the Application can also be viewed at any of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s regional offices.

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

A pre-hearing conference will convene at **10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 21, 2017** in the Board's hearing room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John's to identify intervenors, set the schedule for the proceeding and address other matters that may be raised.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

An interested person or organization can participate in the Application as an intervenor in the hearing, by making a presentation in person, by submitting a letter of comment or by attending the hearing.

To become a registered intervenor you must apply to the Board by way of an intervenor's submission in accordance with Section 9 of the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996*. Forms to be used to apply to become an intervenor are available on the Board's website at www.pub.nl.ca or by request from the Board Secretary at (709) 726-8600. **Intervenor submission forms and supporting documents must be filed with the Board by 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2017.**

Following the pre-hearing conference the Board will publish a further notice of significant dates for the proceeding, including dates for the filing of requests to make a presentation to the Board or filing letters of comment.

HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD

All correspondence and requests for further information should be submitted to the Board Secretary as set out below:

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Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 16th day of August 2017.

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary