



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO'S 2005 CAPITAL BUDGET APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that on August 10, 2004 the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the “Board”) received an application from Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”), pursuant to sections 41 and 78 of the Public Utilities Act (“the Act”) requesting an order of the Board:

- i) Approving Hydro’s 2005 Capital Budget in the amount of \$ 42,431,000;
- ii) Approving Hydro’s 2005 Capital Purchases and Construction Projects in excess of \$50,000;
- iii) Approving Hydro’s 2005 Leases in excess of \$ 5,000;
- iv) Approving Hydro’s proposed estimated Contributions in aid of Construction of approximately \$240,000; and
- v) Fixing and determining Hydro’s average Rate Base for 2003 in the amount of \$1,422,412,000.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any or all customers of Hydro may be affected by the proposed application.

HOW TO SEE THE APPLICATION:

Copies of the application and documentation filed to date are available as follows:

- i) On the Board’s website at www.pub.nf.ca; and
- ii) By request to the Board Secretary at the address below.

THE PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing of Hydro's application will begin at **10:00 A.M. on October 6, 2004**, in the Board's Hearing Room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John's. The hearing will proceed in accordance with the procedures of the Board, which are established in accordance with the Act and *Newfoundland Regulation 39/96* ("the Regulations") with respect to filing of evidence, requests for information, and other matters relating to the hearing.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:

Any interested person or organization can participate in the hearing in one of three ways, as follows:

- 1) **Intervenor Submission** - Any person wishing to be made a party to the hearing must apply by way of an Intervenor's Submission to the Board as set out in section 9 of the Regulations. This submission should concisely state the interest such person has in the Application, the facts and reasons which will be entered as evidence (together with any supporting documentation) and the disposition of the proceedings which the Intervenor advocates. **All Intervenor Submissions must be received by the Board before 12:00 Noon, Monday, September 13, 2004.**
- 2) **Letters of Comment** - Any interested person who does not wish to intervene or make an Oral Presentation may file a Letter of Comment for the consideration of the Board in this proceeding. All Letters of Comment must clearly state the person's interest in the proceeding, together with any comments and other relevant documentation that may be useful in explaining or supporting those views, along with their address and telephone number. **The Board will accept all Letters of Comment received before the closing day of the hearing.**
- 3) **Oral Presentation** - Any interested person who does not wish to intervene to become a party in the proceeding but who wishes to make an Oral Presentation to the Board must request and obtain permission of the Board to make such presentation during the hearing. Persons or organizations interested in making such oral presentations, must write a letter of comment which clearly states the person's interest in the proceeding, together with any comments and other relevant documentation that may be useful in explaining or supporting those views, along with their address and telephone number. **Oral Presentation requests must be received by the Board before 12:00 Noon, Thursday September 30, 2004.**

DEADLINES FOR FILING:

Intervenor Submissions	Monday, September 13, 2004, 12:00 Noon
Parties Pre-filed Evidence	Thursday, September 16, 2004, 12:00 Noon
Parties Request for Information	Monday, September 20, 2004, 12:00 Noon
Request for Opportunity to Make Oral Presentations	Thursday, September 30, 2004, 12:00 Noon
Parties Response to Requests for Information	Thursday, September 30, 2004, 12:00 Noon

HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD:

All correspondence and requests for further information should be addressed to the Board Secretary at the address set out below. The Board encourages the electronic filing of documents and the Board's Information Technology Officer is available to support this type of filing at 709-726-1158; toll free 1-866-782-0006; or by e-mail at: ito@pub.nf.ca

Copies of the Board's legislation and regulations are available for viewing on the Board's website at www.pub.nf.ca or at the Board's office.

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Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 31st day August 2004.

Cheryl Blundon
 Board Secretary