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## PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

This is in response to the huge and unfair electric cost to the citizens of this Province when Muskrat Falls comes on stream, all because we trusted NL Hydro, a Crown Corporation to look after our power needs.

I spent 23 years living in Deer Lake our power was supplied by Nfld Light & Power.

In 1976 I moved to Green Bay South where all the power was supplied by NL Hydro.

What a difference in the two companies, when I built a new house they had to put up 2 poles, one in particular took 3 trucks and 5 people for one pole, in fact a full day's work, I had a buddy in Grand Falls who worked with Nfld Light & Power, when I asked him how many people to erect a pole, he replied 2 people.

What a difference in 2 different companies, the reason being Nfld Light & Power is Public Owned Company and has to make a profit, the other NL Hydro is a crown corporation, a part of Government, who doesn't have to make a profit, their jobs are secure and every time they want more money, just hold out their hand and we the taxpayers fill it up.

Former Premier Clyde Wells had the right idea when he proposed to sell NL Hydro to Nfld Light & Power but got too much opposition from the people. I believe the people today would have a different opinion.

My proposal would be to put Nfld Light & Power in charge of all distribution of power in this Province, they are a reputable and proven company, quite capable of doing so and the people of this Province would be better served.

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