

December 4, 2013

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon
Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 12040
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Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Application, received November 18, 2013, for approval of customer electricity rates for 2014 on an interim basis, or in the alternative, for a deferral and recovery mechanism

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the Consumer Advocate's Requests for Information numbered CA-NLH-06 to CA-NLH-08 in relation to the above noted Application.

A copy of the letter, together with enclosures, has been forwarded directly to the parties listed below.

If you have any questions regarding the filing, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,



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IN THE MATTER OF
the *Electrical Power Control Act*, RSNL 1994,
Chapter E-5.1 (the "EPCA") and the
Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47
(the "Act"), and regulations thereunder;

AND

IN THE MATTER OF
an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador
Hydro, pursuant to Sections 70 and 75 of the Act,
for the approval of customer electricity rates for
2014 on an interim basis or, in the alternative,
for a deferral and recovery mechanism.

**CONSUMER ADVOCATE
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
IR-CA-NLH-6 to IR-CA-NLH-8**

Issued: December 5, 2013

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2 IR-CA-NLH-6 (IR-PUB-NLH-17) In its response to IR-PUB-NLH-17, Hydro
3 states “The rates approved as set out in Schedule “A” to the
4 Board’s Order which became effective, on an interim basis,
5 September 1, 2013, are the phase-in rates directed by Government,
6 and are intended to continue in effect until August 31, 2014.
7 Hydro’s Interim Rates Application, Schedule A, page 5, requests
8 approval of new IC rates effective January 1, 2014 based on the
9 2013 Test Year included in Hydro’s GRA and represents the new
10 base rates for IC. The difference between the IC phase-in rates and
11 the 2013 Test Year based rates is directed to be funded from the
12 RSP Surplus and which funding was contemplated in the
13 Government directed amount of \$49 million to become effective
14 January 1, 2014”. Please provide a table showing IC rates (show
15 Teck separately) with and without Board approval of the Interim
16 Rates Application on December 1, 2013, January 1, 2014 and July
17 1, 2014 assuming the Board approves on July 1, 2014 IC phase-in
18 rates as proposed in the GRA. Please break the rates down
19 according to base rate, RSP rate, and total rate and show in average
20 cents/kWh.

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22 IR-CA-NLH-7 (IR-NP-NLH-6) The response to IR-NP-NLH-6 states that the
23 Board is required under Section 5 of OC2013-089, as amended, “to
24 ensure industrial rates are adjusted as of January 1, 2014 on the
25 basis outlined in the OC. Additionally, as stated in Hydro’s
26 evidence, the calculation of the amount of RSP surplus of \$49
27 million allocated to IC by Government directive contemplates that
28 Hydro’s proposed GRA rates for IC would come into effect on
29 January 1, 2014”. Does Hydro believe that in order for this
30 condition to be satisfied, the Interim Rates Application must be
31 approved by the Board? If the Board does not approve the Interim

1 Rates Application, what alternative actions would Hydro pursue to
2 ensure this condition is satisfied?

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4 IR-CA-NLH-8 (Interim Rates Evidence, page 8, lines 12-23) Hydro suggests that
5 if interim rates are not approved, ICs will see an average rate
6 increase of 36.2 % on January 1, 2014 owing to the RSP. Please
7 provide further explanation of this scenario and what might be
8 done to mitigate the rate increase if interim rates are not approved
9 for implementation on January 1, 2014.

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12 Dated at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 5th day of
13 December, 2013.

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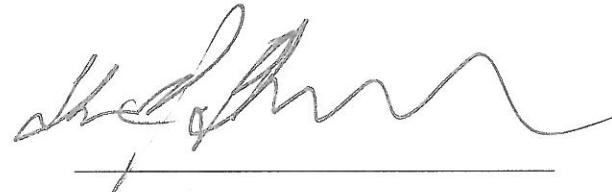
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