

IN THE MATTER OF the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*, R.S.N.L. 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the EPCA) and the *Public Utilities Act, R.S.N.L. 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.

1 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OF VALE NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR LIMITED

2 IR-V-NLH-023 to IR-V-NLH-029

3 Issued January 7, 2014

4 IR-V-NLH-023 Reference: Interim Rate Application filed November 18, 2013, RFI V-  
5 NLH-002

V-NLH-0002 shows that, based on Hydro's proposed phase-in, the forecast drawdown during the phase in period will be \$11,349,783 for the industrial customers (excluding Teck). Vale has taken the position that a proper interpretation of Order in Council OC 2013-89, is that the phase in of rates is to occur over "a three year period", and that the phase in should end on August 31, 2016 as opposed to August 31, 2015 as assumed by Hydro. Please assume that the Board accepts Vale's interpretation of OC 2013-89 on the length of the phase in and provide the forecast drawdown for each of Vale, CBPP, NARL and Praxair using a phase in period that ends on August 31, 2016 as opposed to August 31, 2015.

17 IR-V-NLH-024 Reference: Interim Rate Application filed November 18

18 Vale has taken the position that a proper interpretation of Order in  
19 Council OC 2013-89 is that the phase in of rates is to occur over “a

1 three year period and that the phase in should end on August 31,  
 2 2016 as opposed to August 31, 2015 as assumed by Hydro. Please  
 3 assume that the Board accepts Vale's interpretation of OC 2013-89  
 4 on the length of the phase in and, based on the forecast demand  
 5 and energy, please provide the balance in the RSP Surplus that  
 6 would be forecasted to be owing to Hydro on Sept. 1, 2016.

7 IR-V-NLH-025 Reference: Interim Rate Application filed November 18, 2013, RFI V-  
 8 NLH-015  
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10 Using the amount provided in V-NLH-14 for the balance in the RSP  
 11 Surplus that is forecasted to be owing to Hydro on September 1,  
 12 2016 if the Board orders a thirty six month phase in period, using  
 13 forecast demand and energy post September 1, 2016, please advise  
 14 the amount of the balance owing at the end of the phase in period  
 15 that each of the industrial customers will repay.

16 IR-V-NLH-026 Reference: Interim Rate Application filed November 18, 2013, RFI V-  
 17 NLH-015  
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19 Please complete the following table using forecasted demand and  
 20 energy:

21 Net Phase-In Drawdown by Industrial Customer (\$)

Industrial Customer	Phase-In	RSP Balance	Net Drawdown
Vale			
CBPP			
NARL			
Praxair			
Teck			

22 Where:

- 23 • Phase-in drawdown is the amount of drawdown for each  
 24 customer as provided in V-NLH-25
- 25 • RSP Balance Payment is the impact on each of the industrial  
 26 customers due to the balance in the RSP Surplus that is  
 27 forecasted to be owing to Hydro on September 1, 2016 if the  
 28 Board were to accept Vale's interpretation of OC 2013-89 that  
 29 phase in period should end on August 31, 2016 and not August  
 30 31, 2015
- 31 • Net Drawdown is the Phase-In Drawdown less the RSP Balance  
 32 Payment

1 IR-V-NLH-027 Reference: Interim Rate Application filed November 18, 2013  
2 How will Hydro recover the excess expenditure from the RSP Surplus  
3 during the period the interim rates are in effect if the Board (i)  
4 accepts Vale's interpretation of OC 2013-89 on the length of the  
5 phase in [i.e. ends on August 31, 2016], (ii) approves the interim  
6 rates for industrial customers requested by Hydro and (iii) defers  
7 consideration of the length of the industrial customer phase in  
8 period?  
9 IR-V-NLH-028 Reference: Interim Rate Application filed November 18, 2013, Rate  
10 Schedule A, page 6 of 11.  
11 Assuming that the Board accepts Vale's interpretation of Order in  
12 Council OC 2013-89, that the phase in of rates is to occur over "a  
13 three year period", and orders that the phase in should end on  
14 August 31, 2016, please provide the interim rates that Hydro would  
15 be seeking if the RSP Surplus is to be used to phase in rates until  
16 August 31, 2016.

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