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Dear Mr. Young:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Second application for the interim approval of customer electricity rates for 2014 - Requests for Information

Enclosed are Information Requests SIR-PUB-NLH-15 to SIR-PUB-NLH-21 regarding the above-noted application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jglyn@pub.nl.ca or by telephone, 709-726-6781.

Yours truly,

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF**

2 the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*,
3 SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “*EPCA*”)
4 and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,
5 Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended; and

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7 **AND IN THE MATTER OF** an application
8 by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for
9 the approval of customer electricity rates for
10 2014 on an interim basis.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

SIR-PUB-NLH-15 to SIR-PUB-NLH-21

Issued: June 24, 2014

1 **SIR-PUB-NLH-15** In its Interim Rates Application Hydro proposed a transfer of funds from
2 the hydraulic production variation component of the Rate Stabilization
3 Plan to be recognized as revenue in 2014 and the phase-in of Industrial
4 Customer rates in 2014. As a result of this application, if it is approved,
5 does Hydro intend to change customer rates for 2014? If so, how does
6 Hydro plan to finalize 2014 rates? If not, what is Hydro's plan with
7 regard to 2014 rates?

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9 **SIR-PUB-NLH-16** On June 6, 2014 Hydro advised that it will be filing an amended 2013
10 General Rate Application ("GRA") in the fall of 2014 with the amended
11 filing providing forecast information for 2014 and a 2015 test year.
12 Explain in detail what the implications are, if any, for Hydro's Interim
13 Rates Application dated May 12, 2014, arising from Hydro's plan to file
14 the amended GRA in the fall.

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16 **SIR-PUB-NLH-17** Further to SIR-PUB-NLH-16 explain in detail how Hydro proposes to
17 finalize 2014 rates for customers if it does file updated 2014 financial
18 information and a 2015 test year, including what test year would be
19 appropriate to use to finalize 2014 rates.

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21 **SIR-PUB-NLH-18** Does Hydro intend to file a 2014 test year when it files an amended
22 2013 General Rate Application in the fall of 2014? If no, explain in
23 detail why not.

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25 **SIR-PUB-NLH-19** In its letter of June 6, 2014, Hydro stated that the intended amendment in
26 the fall of 2014 is dependent upon an amendment to the Order in
27 Council which directs that rates be based upon a 2013 test year. Has
28 Hydro received the amended Order in Council? If yes, provide a copy. If
29 no, when does Hydro anticipate that the amendment will be made?

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31 **SIR-PUB-NLH-20** Since Hydro intends to implement a rate change for the Industrial
32 Customers on July 1, 2014 that will effect the phase-in of changes to
33 rates using the RSP Surplus for the Industrial Customers, what is the
34 latest date of a Board Order that will allow Hydro to implement a rate
35 change to become effective on July 1, 2014? Explain why this date
36 would be acceptable.

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38 **SIR-PUB-NLH-21** Further to SIR-PUB-NLH-20 if Board approval of this application is not
39 received by a date acceptable to Hydro, does Hydro intend to file a
40 revised application relating to 2014 Industrial Customer rates?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 24th day of June 2014.

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Per Cheryll Blundon
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Board Secretary