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Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention: Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon, Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

## RE: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's General Rate Application

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the Request for Information of the Nunatsiavut Government in respect of the above-noted Application.

We have provided a copy of this correspondence together with the enclosures to all the concerned parties.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Benson Buffett PLC Inc.

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c.c. Geoffrey P. Young, Senior Legal Counsel, Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro Gerard Hayes, Senior Counsel, Newfoundland Power Thomas O'Reilly, Q.C., Cox & Palmer Edward Hearn, Q.C., Miller & Hearn Thomas Johnson, O'Dea Earle Yvonne Jones, MP Labrador Senwung Luk, Olthuis, Leer, Townshend LLP Paul Coxworthy, Stewart McKelvey Suite 900 Atlantic Place Water Street, P.O. Box 1538 St. John's, NL Canada A1C 5N8 IN THE MATTER OF the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*, 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

AND IN THE MATTER OF a general rate application filed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on July 30, 2013; and

AND IN THE MATTER of an amended general rate application filed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on November 10, 2014.

## NUNATSIVUT GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NG-NLH-1

ISSUED: February 25, 2015

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3	1.	There are different categories of electricity consumers in the Nunatsiavut region of Labrador,		
4		and different types of electricity charges.		
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6	2.	The electricity rate structure and rates that apply to different categories of electricity customers		
7		and different types of electricity charges are subject to a complex series of conventions, Public		
8		Utility Board decisions, provincial government directives, market conditions and other factors		
9		that have evolved over years.		
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11	3.	To be adequately informed in making interventions concerning the General Rate Application		
12		made by the Newfoundland Labrador Hydro, the Nunatsiavut Government requires a clear and		
13		unambiguous presentation of the General Rate Application's specific impact on electricity rates		
14		that various categories of electricity customers are projected to face beyond 2015 in relation to		
15		various types of electricity charges.		
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17	4.	In addition, the Nunatsiavut Government has a number of questions to raise concerning the		
18		costs, structure, returns and impacts of rates under the General Rate Application to Nunatsiavut		
19		residents and businesses.		
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21	Reque	est for Information: NG-NLH-1		
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23	That N	ewfoundland Labrador Hydro provide information on electricity rates for various customer		
24	catego	ries and types of charges as specified in the chart below for: a) 2014 rates and charges; b)		
25	project	ed 2015 rates under the 2015 Interim Rate Application; c) electricity rates and charges in a		
26	scenario assuming the 2015 Interim Rate Application structure and 2014 average diesel fuel prices; and			
27	d) rate	s under the General Rate Application in 2016 and 2017. Note the first 3 of the rate breakdowns		
28	have been provided by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro in response to Request for Information TIR-			
29	NG-NL	H-1 associated with the 2015 Interim Rate Application.		
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31	For pu	rposes of consistency, all rates / charges presented shall: a) include all municipal taxes and		
32	applica	ble rate stabilization adjustments; b) shall not include HST;		
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Line No.	CUSTOMER CATEGORY / CHARGE TYPE	2014 Electricity Rates/Charges	Projected 2015 Electricity Rates / Charges Under the 2015 Interim Rate Application	Electricity Rates / Charges Rate in a Scenario Assuming 2015 Interim Rate Application Structure & 2014 Average Diesel Fuel Prices	Project Electricity Rate under the General Rate Application in 2016	Project Electricity Rate under the General Rate Application in 2017
	DOMESTIC DIESEL CATEGORY					
1	Basic Customer Charge					
2 3	Exceeding 200 Amp Service					
1	Energy Charge: First Block					
5	Energy Charge: Second Block					
7 8	Energy Charge: Over 1000 kWh					

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	GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL 0	-10 kWh				
1	Basic Customer Charge					
2	Energy Charge (all kWh)					
3	Minimum Monthly Charge					
4	(Single Phase)					
5	Minimum Monthly Charge					
6	(Three Phase)					
	GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL O	VER 10 kWh				A Report of the Report
7	Basic Customer Charge					
8	Demand Charge					
9	Energy Charge (all kWh)					
10	Minimum Monthly Charge					
11	(Single Phase)					
12	Minimum Monthly Charge					
13	(Three Phase)					

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36	Additi	onal Information Items			
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38	In regards to the basis for any rate in increases for the Labrador Isolated customers, please provide				
39	additional information to explain what proportion of rate increases proposed for 2016 and 2017 are				
40	attribut	table to:			
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42	1.	Any reduction to the Cost of Service deficit,			
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44	2.	Any increase to the rate of return garnered by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, relative to			
45		the rate of return that was allowable in 2014, and			
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47	3.	Any changes to the Lifeline Block electricity allowance, and related rates, in particular comparing			
48		that Lifeline Block rates under the Northern Strategic Plan in comparison to rates proposed by			
49		Newfound and Labrador Hydro.			

Dated at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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