

October 29, 2014

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 12040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Ladies & Gentlemen:

Re: The Board's Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System – Requests for Information

Further to my email to the parties of October 28, 2014 indicating that I had been asked to pose further questions by a private citizen, please find enclosed one (1) original and twelve (12) copies of the Consumer Advocate's Requests for Information numbered CA-NLH-71 to CA-NLH-80.

We trust the enclosed are found to be in order.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly,

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THOMAS JOHNSON TJ/cel Encl.

cc: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Attention: Geoffrey P. Young

> Newfoundland Power Attention: Gerard Hayes

Island Industrial Customers Group Attention: Mr. Paul Coxworthy (Stewart McKelvey)

Mr. Danny Dumaresque

Grand Riverkeeper Labrador Inc. Attention: Ms. Roberta Frampton

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IN THE MATTER OF

the *Electrical Power Control Act*, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "*EPCA*") and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*"), as amended;

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the Board's Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System.

CONSUMER ADVOCATE REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION CA-NLH-71 to CA-NLH-80 Issued: October 29, 2014

1	CA-NLH-71	Please provide in detail the steps followed in Hydro's capital
2		budget approval process identifying each entity that reviews and
3		approves the budget prior to submission to the Board. Specifically,
4		do Hydro's President and CEO, Hydro's Leadership Team,
5		Hydro's Board of Directors, Nalcor's Vice-President of Asset
6		Management/Project Execution and Engineering Services,
7		Nalcor's Leadership Team and Nalcor's Board of Directors review
8		and approve Hydro's capital budget prior to submission to the
9		Board?
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11	CA-NLH-72	Does the Province's Minister of Natural Resources receive and
12		approve Hydro's capital budget?
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14	CA-NLH-73	Does the Province's Premier receive a copy of Hydro's capital
15		budget?
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17	CA-NLH-74	Please provide a list of individuals within the Provincial
18		Government who receive a copy of Hydro's capital budget.
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20	CA-NLH-75	Does Hydro receive input from Newfoundland Power in its capital
21		budget process? Please provide details.
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23	CA-NLH-76	(Re: December 18, 2012 Letter from Hydro to Board entitled
24		Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2013 Capital Budget
25		Application) On what date did Hydro's Board Of Directors
26		approve removal of these four Holyrood capital projects from the
27		2013 capital budget?
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29	CA-NLH-77	(Re: December 18, 2012 Letter from Hydro to Board entitled
30		Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2013 Capital Budget
31		Application) Had these Holyrood capital projects been completed

1		as originally planned in 2013, what impact would they have had on
2		the power outages of the winter of 2013/14?
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4	CA-NLH-78	(Re: December 18, 2012 Letter from Hydro to Board entitled
5		Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2013 Capital Budget
6		Application) Please outline in detail the approval steps and dates
7		relating to the withdrawal of the four Holyrood capital projects.
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9	CA-NLH-79	(Re: December 18, 2012 Letter from Hydro to Board entitled
10		Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2013 Capital Budget
11		Application) Did the withdrawal of the four Holyrood capital
12		projects from the capital budget follow all required procedural
13		steps in the NLH capital budget approval process?
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15	CA-NLH-80	(Re: December 18, 2012 Letter from Hydro to Board entitled
16		Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2013 Capital Budget
17		Application) Please explain in detail how the sanctioning of the
18		Muskrat Falls project enabled removal of the four Holyrood capital
19		projects from the capital budget.

Dated at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 29th day of October, 2014.

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