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Dear Sir:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - the Board's Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System – Requests for Information PUB-NLH-301 to PUB-NLH-437

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-NLH-301 to PUB-NLH-437 regarding the above-noted matter. Responses to these Requests for Information (RFIs) must be filed by Monday, September 15, 2014.

If Hydro determines that it cannot meet the response date for any of these RFIs, Hydro must advise the Board and provide an explanation as to why it cannot respond to each RFI for which it is requesting an extension to file a response. Hydro must request an extension of time to file responses, if it intends to do so, by Thursday, August 28, 2014.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jgynn@pub.nl.ca or 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 **IN THE MATTER** of the Board’s Investigation
8 and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages
9 on the Island Interconnected System.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-NLH-301 to PUB-NLH-437

Issued: August 25, 2014

- 1 **PUB-NLH-301** Provide a spreadsheet detailing the customer service performance and the
 2 operational metrics listed in PUB-NLH-207. Include actual performance
 3 for each metric by month for 2012, 2013, and 2014 YTD.
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- 5 **PUB-NLH-302** Provide meeting minutes, notes, action items, and lessons learned from the
 6 Joint Utilities meeting that occurred in May 2013.
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- 8 **PUB-NLH-303** Provide meeting minutes, notes, action items, and lessons learned from the
 9 Executive Level Committee meetings that have been held monthly since
 10 May 2014. Specify the meeting schedule going forward.
 11
- 12 **PUB-NLH-304** Provide a copy of the Joint Utilities Communications Plan established
 13 with Newfoundland Power that outlines notification protocol during a
 14 system event.
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- 16 **PUB-NLH-305** Provide meeting minutes, notes, action items, and lessons learned from the
 17 Lessons Learned meeting that was held with Newfoundland Power
 18 Customer Service, Communications, and Energy Efficiency teams.
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- 20 **PUB-NLH-306** Provide a copy of the recently revised business continuity plans.
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- 23 **System Design**
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- 25 **PUB-NLH-307** Provide a “*Hydro Provincial Generation and Transmission Grid*” system
 26 map with sufficient resolution to be read on a Word document. Also,
 27 provide a map showing Hydro’s distribution territory.
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- 29 **PUB-NLH-308** Indicate the numbers of residential, commercial and industrial customers
 30 directly served by Hydro on the Island Interconnected System. How many
 31 are served by the transmission system?
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- 33 **PUB-NLH-309** Describe Hydro’s 230kV, 138kV, and 69/66kV loops. Provide lists of
 34 transmission lines showing whether each circuit is radial or looped.
 35
- 36 **PUB-NLH-310** What percentage of Hydro’s distribution substations is served by more
 37 than one source? How many distribution substations have more than one
 38 transformer?
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- 40 **PUB-NLH-311** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-176 confirm that Hydro does not
 41 have any spare 230/138kV or 230/69/66kV transformers, other than might
 42 result from the Hardwoods-Oxen Pond project.
 43
- 44 **PUB-NLH-312** What are the ranges of kVA sizes of the transformers in Hydro’s
 45 distribution substations? How many of Hydro’s substations have more
 46 than one transformer?

- 1 **PUB-NLH-313** How many of the Hydro's distribution lines have ties to other lines so as to
2 be able to pick up some loads between the distribution lines?
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- 4 **PUB-NLH-314** To what Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) standards do Hydro's
5 current transmission pole line and distribution line pole strength criteria
6 comply? How much of Hydro's transmission system, and how much of its
7 distribution system, were constructed under older standards with lower
8 strength requirements than indicated by the existing standard?
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- 10 **PUB-NLH-315** The response to PUB-NLH-176 indicates that Hydro's Energy Control
11 Centre (ECC) maintains a transformer loading guideline for emergency
12 conditions with acceptable overload levels. Provide a copy of these
13 emergency loading guidelines and confirm whether or not Hydro allows
14 temporary overloading (without exceeding maximum hot spot
15 temperatures) of transformers, when necessary to conduct repairs or
16 switching necessary to minimize Hydro or Newfoundland Power customer
17 outages or whether Hydro only allows short-term overloading of
18 distribution substation transformers as indicated by Hydro's response to
19 PUB-NLH-188.
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- 21 **PUB-NLH-316** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-176 which indicates that Hydro does
22 not employ "emergency" load limitations to its transmission and
23 distribution line ratings, does this mean that Hydro or Newfoundland
24 Power will need to shed load (if no local generation is available) when a
25 transmission line becomes "overloaded" because a parallel line is out of
26 service, even when conductor sag clearances are not exceeded?
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- 28 **PUB-NLH-317** What are Hydro's minimum allowed vertical and horizontal clearances for
29 each transmission operating voltage?
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- 31 **PUB-NLH-318** Describe the Island Interconnected transmission system before the 230kV
32 system was constructed in the 1960s. What was the time period when the
33 original 230kV system was constructed? When were the ring and breaker
34 and one-half buses installed?
35
- 36 **PUB-NLH-319** Provide simple diagrams on a Word document demonstrating load bus,
37 ring bus, breaker and one-half bus, and breaker and one-third bus; and
38 provide a brief discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each bus
39 design.
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- 42 **T&D Planning**
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- 44 **PUB-NLH-320** Provide a description of operating situations when Hydro's Transmission
45 Planning group assists the Energy Control Centre (ECC).

- 1 **PUB-NLH-321** How many circuit breakers have been replaced since 2004 because of
2 fault-duty limitations? Which of Hydro's circuit breakers must be replaced
3 because of the increased fault-duty after the integration of Muskrat Falls
4 and the Labrador-Island Link?
5
- 6 **PUB-NLH-322** Describe how Hydro forecasts peak demands for developing capital load
7 growth projects in the medium and long term, for each feeder, for each
8 substation, and for each transmission line. Indicate the levels (e.g. 95%,
9 100%, or 105% of ratings) of anticipated forecast peak loads on feeders,
10 substations, or transmission lines that trigger load growth projects.
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- 12 **PUB-NLH-323** Provide the peak demand anticipated for each transformer for each of
13 Hydro's terminal station and substation transformers for next winter with
14 all systems in normal configurations. Confirm whether the average
15 demand on each transformer doesn't exceed about 50% of the peak
16 demand.
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- 18 **PUB-NLH-324** Provide a list of Hydro's transmission lines by voltage. Indicate ampacity
19 ratings at 0 degrees Celsius and the peak demand anticipated for each line
20 for next winter with all systems in normal configurations. Confirm that the
21 average demand on each line doesn't exceed about 50% of the peak
22 demand.
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- 24 **PUB-NLH-325** Provide a list of distribution lines, by voltage. Indicate ampacity ratings at
25 0 degrees Celsius and peak demand anticipated for each line for next
26 winter with all systems in normal configurations. Confirm that the average
27 demand on each distribution line doesn't exceed about 50% of the peak
28 demand.
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- 31 **System Protection**
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- 33 **PUB-NLH-326** Describe Hydro's programs and procedures for its 6-year protective relay
34 testing program and state whether any changes will be necessary when
35 Hydro's system is interconnected with the Muskrat Falls Project. In the
36 response confirm that Hydro does not have any relays in its distribution
37 substations.
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- 39 **PUB-NLH-327** Provide Hydro's relay protection design criteria before 2014 and after
40 January 2014.
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- 42 **PUB-NLH-328** The response to PUB-NLH-100 indicates that Hydro expended \$264,295
43 in 2009 and \$172,173 in 2010 for relay replacements, with no
44 expenditures for 2011, 2012, and 2013. Describe the relay replacement
45 projects for 2009 and 2010 and explain why no relay replacement work
46 was conducted in 2011 to 2013.

- 1 **PUB-NLH-329** Explain how Hydro protects its transmission lines and its distribution lines
2 from lightning and switching surges. Include in the response whether
3 Hydro has a practice of installing metal oxide varistor (MOV) arresters on
4 its pole-mounted distribution transformers.
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- 6 **PUB-NLH-330** Explain how Hydro protects its transmission and distribution systems from
7 animals and raptors. In the response include whether Hydro has a practice
8 of installing animal guards.
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- 10 **PUB-NLH-331** Explain how Hydro mitigates “*galloping conductor*” issues.
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- 13 **System Reliability**
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- 15 **PUB-NLH-332** The response to PUB-NLH-105 referred to a “*System Planning Criteria*”
16 document. Provide this document.
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- 18 **PUB-NLH-333** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-105 confirm that Hydro does not
19 have transmission or distribution “*reliability*” engineers nor specific on-
20 going annual reliability enhancement programs addressing worse
21 performing feeders, multiple device operations, or any programs
22 specifically addressing reliability indices, such as number of customer
23 interruptions, and System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)
24 or System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI), but that Hydro
25 does include weighted scoring of project reliability improvements as part
26 of its equipment upgrades, replacements, and additions projects.
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- 28 **PUB-NLH-334** Provide examples of Transmission and Rural Operations (TRO) projects,
29 such as the Wood Pole Line Management (WPLM) program, that TRO
30 has conducted over the last few years where improving service reliability
31 for customers was the primary goal.
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- 33 **PUB-NLH-335** Has Hydro ever had a systematic program for addressing its worse
34 performing feeders?
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- 36 **PUB-NLH-336** Hydro’s capital planning prioritization method includes weighted scorings
37 for the degree a project is needed to continue reliable customer service and
38 the degree the project impacts customer service. Confirm that Hydro does
39 not calculate “*cost per avoided customer interruption*” in its analysis for
40 scoring a project which impacts customers.
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- 42 **PUB-NLH-337** Does Hydro address multiple operations of the same protective devices for
43 its distribution system? If so, how are these addressed by Operation and
44 Maintenance (O&M) work or by capital projects?
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- 46 **PUB-NLH-338** Provide tables indicating the causes of customer interruptions by year,
47 including total numbers of Customer Interruptions (CIs) and numbers of

Customer Minutes of Interruptions (CMIs), without and with major events, each year, the number of CIs for each cause each year, and the percentage each cause contributed to the total CIs for each year from 2009 through 2013. For the “*equipment malfunction*” cause, provide a table for each year indicating the equipment type which failed including, but not limited to, substation transformers, relays, cutouts, poles, insulators, wires, underground cables, aerial cables, splices, etc. State what is assumed to be causes under “*other*”. Are trees generally the cause of wind and weather caused outages?

11 **PUB-NLH-339** Provide, in tabular form, Hydro’s System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) and its System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) indices (including and excluding major events) for the transmission system and the distribution systems, by region, for each year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. In the response include the criteria used to determine a “*major event*”, how Hydro’s reliability indices compare with Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) average indices and explain if Hydro has reliability goals and any programs for attaining those goals.

21 **PUB-NLH-340** Does Hydro plan, in the future, to install distribution automation (DA) equipment and installing AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) metering which can communicate with the Outage Management System?

25 **PUB-NLH-341** Which group reviews the causes of outages and how are the outage causes generally used to improve reliability?

29 **Asset Management**

31 **PUB-NLH-342** Provide an electronic copy of Hydro’s overall asset management philosophy and strategy document.

34 **PUB-NLH-343** Provide the appropriate organization charts which show the positions, and who they report to, for the “*Manager, Office of Asset Management*”, the “*Manager, Project Execution – Regulated Hydro*” and the “*TRO General Manager*” in the Nalcor and Hydro organizations.

39 **PUB-NLH-344** Define the acronym “PETS”, explain the function of the PETS engineering group, with examples, and provide the organization chart for the PETS engineering group.

43 **PUB-NLH-345** Does Hydro consider the need for increased skilled Full-Time Employees (FTE) workers, or additional contractor workers, as part of identifying total resource needs to accomplish anticipated Transmission and Rural Operations (TRO) operations and maintenance (O&M) work, capital project work, and emergency work? Explain how Hydro is planning to

- 1 provide the resources needed for the accelerated TRO O&M and capital
2 work over the next few years.
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- 4 **PUB-NLH-346** Describe the Company's Line Worker, Substation Electrical Worker, and
5 Millwright apprenticeship programs. Describe any specific training for
6 these workers other than the apprenticeship programs.
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- 8 **PUB-NLH-347** Describe the duties and responsibilities of Hydro's Protection and Control
9 (P&C) engineers and P&C technologists.
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- 11 **PUB-NLH-348** According to the Report to the Board Related to Terminal and Protection
12 and Control Resource Requirements dated June 16, 2014, Hydro is
13 considering adding to the base Protection and Control (P&C) work plan in
14 2015 and in future years. Describe the base P&C work plan in general
15 terms, and explain the additions to the work plan planned for 2015 and
16 future years. Include in the response how many technologists will be hired
17 to accomplish the planned work.
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- 19 **PUB-NLH-349** The response to PUB-NLH-172 indicates that Hydro bases its Wood Pole
20 Line Management (WPLM) program on a Reliability Centered
21 Maintenance (RCM) principle. Provide a discussion of Hydro's definition
22 of RCM and Hydro's use of RCM principles for its various Transmission
23 and Rural Operations (TRO) asset management operations and
24 maintenance (O&M) and capital programs. Include the formal goals of
25 Hydro's Asset Management activities.
26
- 27 **PUB-NLH-350** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-174 provide a copy of a typical
28 Regional Manager's Preventive Maintenance (PM) status report and
29 recovery plans submitted to the General Manager. Explain if this report
30 includes tracking corrective maintenance (CM) tasks and how Regional
31 Managers are held accountable for not completing Transmission and Rural
32 Operations (TRO) asset management work according to the weekly and
33 annual plans.
34
- 35 **PUB-NLH-351** Describe Hydro's Geographic Information System (GIS), including the
36 software program used, how and by whom equipment data and location
37 are entered and updated. In the response include to what degree (80%,
38 90%, 100%) is Hydro's GIS transmission data and its distribution data
39 accurate and what Hydro is doing to improve its GIS data.
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- 41 **PUB-NLH-352** Further to the responses to PUB-NLH-085 and PUB-NLH-172 what are
42 Hydro's priority categories for replacing reject poles under the Wood Pole
43 Line Management (WPLM) program? Does Hydro use the 4 levels of
44 priorities indicated by the response to PUB-NLH-083 (repair priorities)?
45 Are poles identified as urgent replaced immediately? Are all pole
46 replacements charged as capital projects?

- 1 **PUB-NLH-353** Provide, in tabular form, Hydro's Operations and Maintenance (O&M)
2 and its Capital expenditures for annual and semiannual transmission line
3 inspections, for the Wood Pole Line Management (WPLM) program, and
4 for transmission pole replacements for each year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,
5 and 2013.
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- 7 **PUB-NLH-354** Provide, in tabular form, Hydro's Operations and Maintenance (O&M)
8 and Capital expenditures for distribution line inspections, by region, and
9 for distribution pole replacements for each year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,
10 and 2013.
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- 12 **PUB-NLH-355** Provide, in tabular form, the number of transmission lines and
13 transmission poles on Hydro's system by age groups (0-10, 11-20, 21-30,
14 31-40, and greater than 40 years). Provide estimates of actual ages are not
15 known.
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- 17 **PUB-NLH-356** Provide, in tabular form, the numbers of distribution substation
18 transformers on Hydro's system by age groups (0-10, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40
19 and greater than 40 years). Provide estimates of actual ages are not known.
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- 21 **PUB-NLH-357** Provide, in tabular form, the number of distribution lines and distribution
22 poles on Hydro's system by age groups (0-10, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, and
23 greater than 40 years). Provide estimates if actual ages are not known.
24
- 25 **PUB-NLH-358** Does Hydro have any plans to provide its Transmission and Rural
26 Operations (TRO) crews with mobile computers which can communicate
27 with Hydro's Computerized Maintenance Management Software (CMMS)
28 system and with its Outage Management Systems (OMS) (if any) so that
29 paper work orders and paper inspection sheets can be replaced with
30 electronic work orders and inspection? Is Hydro considering using
31 handheld computers for terminal station and substation inspections?
32
- 33 **PUB-NLH-359** Describe Hydro's Vegetation Management (VM) policy, program, and
34 practices, including:
35 a. Who are responsible for the program?
36 b. What are the duties of the vegetation specialist? Is he/she an
37 arborist?
38 c. Policies or practices for trimming, danger tree (and define danger
39 tree) removal and brush control and describe issues related to
40 removing danger trees.
41 d. Trim clearance requirements.
42 e. Whether VM work is based on trim cycles or is only for addressing
43 hot spots.
44 f. By whom and when are VM inspections conducted.
45 g. Who does the trimming, Hydro or a contractor and how many VM
46 contractor crews are available to Hydro?

- 1 h. Whether the VM program applies to both the distribution and
 2 transmission systems.
 3 i. How much Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funds and capital
 4 were spent on Hydro's transmission VM program and for its
 5 distribution VM programs in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013
 6 and how much is budgeted for 2014 and 2015?
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8 **PUB-NLH-360** Does Hydro have any underground/submarine transmission lines? If yes,
 9 state how many and where they are located and who maintains and
 10 replaces them.
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12 **PUB-NLH-361** Does Hydro have any mainline underground distribution feeders and/or
 13 Underground Rural Distribution (URD) lateral feeders? If yes state how
 14 many, where they are located, whether Hydro has a URD replacement
 15 program and who repairs them.
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17 **PUB-NLH-362** Does Hydro use line contractors either for the normal course of work or in
 18 emergencies and if so, how are they used? Include the use of
 19 Newfoundland Power's lineworkers, if any, in this response.
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21 **PUB-NLH-363** Does Hydro conduct periodic electrical quality testing on distribution
 22 substation transformers? If so, describe the preventive maintenance and
 23 testing conducted.
 24

25 **PUB-NLH-364** Provide the titles of the Hydro personnel who inspect terminal stations.
 26 Provide a copy of a typical completed 120-day termination station
 27 inspection checklist.
 28

29 **PUB-NLH-365** Explain Hydro's reasons and justifications for deferring the 6-year
 30 maintenance for some Air Blast Circuit Breakers (ABCBs) and some large
 31 power transformers between 2010 and 2014. Did Hydro select which
 32 breakers and transformers it deferred based on low criticality or on
 33 condition assessments, or both?
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35 **PUB-NLH-366** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-155 confirm that the deferred
 36 Transmission and Rural Operations (TRO) Preventive Maintenance (PM)
 37 work orders for large transformers and for Air Blast Circuit Breakers
 38 (ABCBs) were not included in the 2010-2014 annual TRO work plans. Is
 39 it correct that the % PM work compliance could be 100% even when some
 40 PM work (the deferred work) was not scheduled, although the work was
 41 specified by Hydro's maintenance program?
 42

43 **PUB-NLH-367** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-155 on page 7 of the response Hydro
 44 stated that "*TRO (Transmission and Rural Operations) reviewed the status*
 45 *of all PMs (preventive maintenance work orders) in 2010 to ensure*
 46 *completeness and consistency across similar assets and improvements*
 47 *were subsequently made. In light of the January 2014 events, TRO is*

1 *implementing the following initiatives*". What initiatives did TRO
 2 implement between 2010 and 2014 to improve annual PM work
 3 completion percentages, other than deferring some work in the annual plan
 4 and has Hydro implemented the seven PM work completion initiatives
 5 indicated on pages 7 and 8 of the response?
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7 **PUB-NLH-368** Describe how equipment condition assessments are conducted for
 8 transmission, terminal station, substation and distribution line equipment.
 9 Include in the response who participates in the assessments, examples of
 10 types of inspections and tests, and reliability data, used for the assessments
 11 and whether these assessments form the basis for both Operations and
 12 Maintenance (O&M) maintenance work and capital improvement projects.
 13

14 **PUB-NLH-369** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-037 which states that "*In 2012,*
 15 *Hydro commenced an internal review of the methodology for determining*
 16 *critical spare thresholds*", describe Hydro's process for determining
 17 Transmission and Rural Operations (TRO) critical spare thresholds and
 18 the status of this review. Include in the response the extent Hydro
 19 currently stocks spare conductors, insulators, and other parts for critical
 20 transmission lines, and spare parts for critical terminal stations.
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22 **PUB-NLH-370** Provide a list of the generators operated and maintained by Hydro's
 23 Transmission and Rural Operations (TRO) group. Describe generators
 24 locations, sizes, fuel, and general maintenance practices.
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26 **PUB-NLH-371** Describe the duties and membership of Hydro's Transmission and Rural
 27 Operations (TRO) Root Cause and Repeat Failure Analysis Council.
 28 Include in the response what triggers it to meet and whether it is involved
 29 with distribution issues as well as transmission issues.
 30

31 **PUB-NLH-372** Do Transmission and Rural Operations (TRO) personnel investigate
 32 unexplained relay operations? If yes, who does the investigations?
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34 **PUB-NLH-373** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-087 provide the number of
 35 transmission line inspections and the number of Wood Pole Line
 36 Management (WPLM) inspections scheduled, and the numbers completed,
 37 each year 2011 through 2013.
 38

39 **PUB-NLH-374** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-095 which indicates that Hydro
 40 replaced about 2,850 distribution poles in the last 5 years. What usually
 41 triggered these pole replacements? Was it from distribution line
 42 assessments resulting from distribution inspections, or something else?
 43

44 **PUB-NLH-375** Further to the responses to PUB-NLH-088 and PUB-NLH-095 does
 45 Hydro agree with the following statements:

1 *"Hydro replaced about 1.14 percent of its transmission poles*
 2 *(265 out of 23,350), and 6.09 percent of its distribution poles*
 3 *(2,850 out of 46,790), over the last five years. On average, the*
 4 *Company has been replacing transmission poles at about 0.23*
 5 *percent per year and distribution poles at about 1.2 percent per*
 6 *year. At these current annual replacement rates, each*
 7 *transmission pole is being replaced, on average, about every 435*
 8 *years (although Hydro treats its transmission poles to extend*
 9 *pole life) and each distribution pole is being replaced, on*
 10 *average, about every 83 years."*

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 12 **PUB-NLH-376** Further to PUB-NLH-375 is the Wood Pole Line Management (WPLM)
 13 program basically deferring large numbers of transmission pole
 14 replacements 20-40 years?
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16 **PUB-NLH-377** Provide the numbers of distribution line inspections scheduled each year
 17 2011 through 2013. Provide the numbers of distribution line inspections
 18 conducted each year 2011 through 2013.
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20 **PUB-NLH-378** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-084 provide, in tabular form, the
 21 number of terminal station equipment corrective maintenance (CM) work
 22 orders scheduled for completion during each year, the number of CM
 23 work orders completed during each year and the number of CM work
 24 orders scheduled to be completed during each year, but not completed by
 25 year's end (overdue/backlogged) for year's end 2011, 2012, and 2013. Do
 26 not include relays.
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28 **PUB-NLH-379** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-084 (terminal station backlogs). This
 29 response reported the terminal station equipment inspections, preventive
 30 maintenance (PM), and corrective maintenance (CM) work order
 31 backlogs, and the terminal station relay maintenance work order backlogs
 32 together and not separately. Provide, in tabular form, the number of
 33 terminal station equipment preventive maintenance (PM) work orders
 34 scheduled for completion during each year, the number of PM work orders
 35 completed during each year, and the number of PM work orders scheduled
 36 to be completed during each year, but not completed by year's end
 37 (overdue/backlogged) for year's end 2011, 2012, and 2013. Do not include
 38 relay preventive maintenance work or terminal station inspections.
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40 **PUB-NLH-380** The response to PUB-NLH-084 reported the terminal station equipment
 41 inspections, preventive maintenance (PM), and corrective maintenance
 42 (CM) work order backlogs, and the terminal station relay maintenance
 43 work order backlogs together and not separately. Provide, in tabular form,
 44 the number of terminal station Protective Relay Testing/Maintenance work
 45 orders scheduled for completion during each year, the number of relay
 46 work orders completed during each year, and the number of relay work

1 orders scheduled to be completed during each year, but not completed by
2 year's end (overdue/backlogged) for year's end 2011, 2012, and 2013.

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4 **PUB-NLH-381** This is in reference to Hydro's 2015 Capital Budget Application,
5 Appendix A; "*Capital Project Overview*." Explain how Hydro applies
6 "*Probability and Confidence Factors*" into the scores and which scores
7 when considering capital projects and explain what groups conduct the
8 evaluations and scoring, and who leads the process.

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10 **PUB-NLH-382** This is in reference to Hydro's 2015 Capital Budget Application;
11 Appendix A; "*Capital Projects Overview*". Explain how corporate
12 financial and resources limit each year's capital budget and limit each
13 year's 5-year plan projects up to a specific ranking, (in the 2014 budget,
14 the project rankings were limited to Rank 46 and in the 2015 capital
15 budget, the projects were limited to Rank 50).

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17 **PUB-NLH-383** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-100 using the 2009 to 2013 table
18 provided as a baseline, state the anticipated expenditures for relay
19 replacements, recloser control panels, and 230kV breaker controls for each
20 year 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

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22 **PUB-NLH-384** Describe how (what software) and who schedules and tracks protective
23 relay periodic testing. Include in the response who is directly responsible
24 and who is ultimately responsible for completing relay testing consistent
25 with schedules, whether relay maintenance data records are recorded in a
26 computer program and whether relay test sheets are hand written or via a
27 computer program.

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29 **PUB-NLH-385** Do inspectors record distribution pole Global Positioning System (GPS)
30 locations when conducting distribution feeder inspections? Do
31 transmission pole inspectors record Geographic Information System (GIS)
32 data when inspecting transmission poles?

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35 **Emergency Management**

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37 **PUB-NLH-386** Provide electronic copies of all Storm Restoration Reports submitted to
38 the Public Utilities Board related to major storm outage events (especially
39 Hurricane Igor in 2010) since 2004. These reports should include topics
40 such as how each storm affected different areas of the Company,
41 equipment damaged, numbers of customer interruptions (CIs) and
42 customer minutes of interruption (CMIs) for each storm, time required to
43 restore 95% (if possible) and 100% of customers, numbers of employees
44 involved including Line Workers, local contractor personnel, and tree
45 trimmers, conditions or resource limitations extending restoration times,
46 and if any, Newfoundland Power and other contractor crews were utilized.

- 1 **PUB-NLH-387** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-027 provide an update on the status
2 of the review cited in this response. If completed, provide an electronic
3 copy of the report. If still in progress, provide the scheduled due date for
4 completion.
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- 6 **PUB-NLH-388** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-031 provide an update on the status
7 of the review cited in this response. If completed, provide an electronic
8 copy of the report. If still in progress, provide the scheduled due date for
9 completion.
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- 11 **PUB-NLH-389** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-041 provide an update on the status
12 of the Lessons Learned studies cited in subsection (e). If these studies
13 have been completed, provide electronic copies. If still in progress,
14 provide the expected completion date of these studies.
15
- 16 **PUB-NLH-390** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-043 expand upon any and all
17 changes identified from the December 2013/January 2014 incidents as
18 they specifically relate to: (i) System Operations, (ii) emergency
19 preparedness, and (iii) coordination with Newfoundland Power.
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- 21 **PUB-NLH-391** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-067 provide an electronic copy of
22 the additional operational protocol(s) referenced in this response.
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- 24 **PUB-NLH-392** Nalcor's Corporate Emergency Response Plan provided as the attachment
25 to RFI PUB-NLH-069 and the sheet of revisions from 2008 to the date
26 submitted shows only updates to telephone numbers or rosters. State if
27 there have been any content changes reflective of the incidents of
28 December 2013/January 2014.
29
- 30 **PUB-NLH-393** The date on the cover sheet of Nalcor's Corporate Emergency Response
31 Plan provided in the response to PUB-NLH-069 is November 2013 and
32 the last date on the Amendment sheet was April, 2013. Detail those
33 changes between the April and November versions. What was the original
34 date of issue of the Plan?
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- 36 **PUB-NLH-394** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-077 provide the status of the
37 emergency response and restoration investigation(s). If these studies are
38 complete, provide electronic copies of the reports.
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- 40 **PUB-NLH-395** Provide the status of the Hydro document "*Severe Weather*
41 *Preparedness*". If this document has been finalized, provide an electronic
42 copy.
43
- 44 **PUB-NLH-396** Does Hydro plan to conduct any drills or other training in advance of the
45 2014/15 winter season?

- 1 **PUB-NLH-397** Provide summaries of all communications and coordination activities to-
 2 date with Newfoundland Power to prepare for the 2014/15 winter season.
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- 4 **PUB-NLH-398** Is the Nalcor Emergency Operations Center in close proximity to Hydro's
 5 Energy Control Centre? Describe the communication paths that exist
 6 between these two facilities.
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- 9 **Outage Management**
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- 11 **PUB-NLH-399** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-127 do Hydro's interruptible
 12 agreements with its customers allow for economic interruptions, as well as
 13 for reliability? If so, has Hydro exercised this ability within the past two
 14 years? Provide a table of dates, number of economic interruptions and
 15 durations.
 16
- 17 **PUB-NLH-400** Further to the response PUB-NLH-183 and PUB-NLH-184 explain why
 18 the positions of Driver Groundsperson and Utility Worker are seasonal
 19 positions, state the months they are employed and state whether the people
 20 hired for these positions are typically the same persons in subsequent
 21 years.
 22
- 23 **PUB-NLH-401** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-185 explain how the Reliability
 24 Reporting System interfaces with Hydro's Energy Management System. If
 25 it is a manual process, describe the process including those positions that
 26 are responsible for maintaining the Reliability Reporting System.
 27
- 28 **PUB-NLH-402** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-185 Attachment 1 explain how the
 29 numbers of customers interrupted during an outage are determined.
 30
- 31 **PUB-NLH-403** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-195 explain the typical response
 32 times for transmission facility outages from initial determination to having
 33 a crew on site and the typical response times for distribution facility
 34 outages using the same criterion.
 35
- 36 **PUB-NLH-404** Has Hydro ever considered the acquisition of an Outage Management
 37 System? If so, what were the criteria used to evaluate such system(s) and
 38 what were the determining reasons not to acquire one? If Hydro has not
 39 considered such an acquisition, what are the reasons this decision was
 40 made?
 41
 42
- 43 **Transmission Operations**
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- 45 **PUB-NLH-405** The response to PUB-NLH-102 indicated that 15 of Hydro's terminal
 46 stations do not have Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)

- 1 remote control and 14 do not have SCADA monitoring. Identify these
2 terminal stations (and the voltages). Explain how the Energy Control
3 Centre (ECC) indirectly monitors and controls these (or at least those that
4 it owns) terminal stations without the benefit SCADA.
5
- 6 **PUB-NLH-406** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-101 how many of the 56
7 transmission circuits are under SCADA or other monitoring or control? If
8 any of these circuits are not under SCADA, or some other form of
9 monitoring, explain why.
10
- 11 **PUB-NLH-407** Describe Hydro's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)
12 system and how it interfaces with Hydro's Energy Management System
13 (EMS).
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- 15 **PUB-NLH-408** Provide the following information on Hydro's Emergency Management
16 System (EMS).
17 a) Whether the same system is used for both Generation and
18 Transmission management. If different, respond to the following
19 for both systems.
20 b) The name of the Vendor, original installation date, version
21 currently used and the date of the most current version.
22 c) Hydro's budget for maintaining the EMS including annual license
23 and/or maintenance fees, IT support, and training.
24 d) The capabilities of the EMS regarding monitoring and control of
25 the facilities. Include discussion on human/machine interfaces.
26 e) Hydro facilities that are *not* under the control of the EMS.
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- 28 **PUB-NLH-409** The response to PUB-NLH-153 states that Hydro develops three forecasts
29 based on geography, one of which is for the Avalon Peninsula. Is this
30 forecast for the entire load on the peninsula, including Newfoundland
31 Power, or just Hydro's load? If it includes Newfoundland Power's load,
32 how is this forecast integrated with any forecasts generated internally by
33 Newfoundland Power?
34
- 35 **PUB-NLH-410** Provide a detailed explanation of communication and coordination that
36 occurs between Hydro's and Newfoundland Power's respective Energy
37 Control Centres regarding transmission line status, including loadings and
38 terminal station breaker status.
39
- 40 **PUB-NLH-411** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-153 other than the times
41 immediately preceding the January 2014 events, have there been other
42 occasions where Transmission Operators or engineers felt that the short-
43 term forecasts created by the *Nostradamus* program were not to be
44 accepted, and had to be manually revised?

1 **Governance**

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3 **PUB-NLH-412** Provide Hydro's most recent corporate one and five year plans for the
4 period 2010 to 2014 inclusive.

5 **PUB-NLH-413** Provide a calendar showing the key steps and linkages in the planning and
6 budgeting cycle.

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8 **PUB-NLH-414** Provide the guidelines issued to guide capital and expense budget
9 preparation for the budget years 2011-2015.

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11 **PUB-NLH-415** Provide all 5- and 20-year capital plans, starting with the one for which the
12 first year addressed was 2011.

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14 **PUB-NLH-416** Identify for the Hydro and Nalcor leadership teams the members and their
15 titles.

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17 **PUB-NLH-417** Provide a copy of the enterprise risk management framework and the tools
18 package used to support it.

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20 **PUB-NLH-418** Provide the governing documents and procedures of the Enterprise Risk
21 Management Committee.

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23 **PUB-NLH-419** Identify the members and position titles of the Enterprise Risk
24 Management Committee.

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26 **PUB-NLH-420** Provide the current Hydro risk register.

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28 **PUB-NLH-421** Provide the documents that routinely report on the status of measures to
29 address the items in the Hydro risk register.

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32 **Staffing**

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34 **PUB-NLH-422** Hydro has referred to "*net ins and outs by function*", provide them.

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36 **PUB-NLH-423** Provide the basis on which charges from other Nalcor entities are made to
37 Lower Churchill Management Corporation (LCMC) and by which LCMC
38 makes charges to others.

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40 **PUB-NLH-424** Provide a copy of the June 18, 2014 Presentation on Governance.

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42 **PUB-NLH-425** Further to PUB-NLH-424 for each of the 12 service areas shown on the
43 left column of slide 12 of the Governance Presentation show where these
44 service areas are located on the February 7 organization charts prepared
45 for Liberty.

- 1 **PUB-NLH-426** Further to PUB-NLH-425 provide for each year end from 2011 to 2013
2 inclusive and year-to-date for 2014 for each Position Identifier (PID)
3 within the organization corresponding to each service area shown on slide
4 12, the position title corresponding to the PID, the home base organization
5 of each PID and the percentage of time charged to Hydro for each PID.
6
- 7 **PUB-NLH-427** Further to PUB-NLH-424 for those organization charts that are shown on
8 pages 5 through 7 of the Governance Presentation confirm that the charts
9 show all personnel within the organization depicted on each chart (i.e.,
10 each PIN corresponds to an individual employee) and if not identify any
11 additional personnel not depicted.
12
- 13 **PUB-NLH-428** Further to PUB-NLH-427 identify all personnel not assigned to Hydro as
14 home base and for each person provide for the years 2012 and 2013 the
15 total time charged, time charged to Hydro and time charged to non Hydro
16 entities using time-based measurement but where that is not possible use
17 salary costs.
18
- 19 **PUB-NLH-429** Further to PUB-NLH-424 for those organization charts that are shown on
20 page 5 through 7 of the Governance Presentation that reference another
21 “*Chart*” provide these charts and for these charts provide the same
22 information as requested in PUB-NLH-427 and PUB-NLH-428.
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- 24 **PUB-NLH-430** Provide copies of the current Hydro Regional and Department Plans and
25 those for the preceding two years that align with the corporate plan.
26
- 27 **PUB-NLH-431** For each Hydro employee and each Project Execution and Technical
28 Services manager whose work groups support the planning, design,
29 construction, and operation of Hydro’s generation and transmission
30 facilities, identify and quantify the objectives and metrics used to measure
31 the incentive portion of compensation.
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- 34 **Conservation and DSM**
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- 36 **PUB-NLH-432** Provide the results of the recent KEMA CDM (conservation and demand
37 management) review.
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- 39 **PUB-NLH-433** Describe the expected scope, schedule, and results of the conservation and
40 demand management study expected to be performed jointly with
41 Newfoundland Power in the near future.
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- 43 **PUB-NLH-434** Further to the response to IC-NLH-004 and PUB-NLH-021 provide the
44 marginal costs and supporting analysis currently used to value
45 conservation and demand management programs and expenditures.

- 1 **PUB-NLH-435** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-434 describe when, how, and under
2 what assumptions (i.e., material changes from key assumptions in the
3 current one) you expect next to re-examine the marginal costs used to
4 value conservation and demand management programs and expenditures.
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6 **PUB-NLH-436** Provide the conservation and demand management (CDM) reports for the
7 past 3 years.
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9 **PUB-NLH-437** Provide the 2012-2016 conservation and demand management plan and
10 the five-year plan preceding it.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 25th day of August 2014.

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