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June 10, 2022

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon

Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Application for July 1, 2022 Island Industrial Customer Conservation and Demand Management Cost Recovery Adjustment

Please find enclosed Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") application for approval of the proposed Island Industrial Customer Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") Cost Recovery Adjustment, to become effective July 1, 2022.

Hydro is proposing an increase of 0.001 cents per kWh to the existing CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment of 0.013 cents per kWh, for a total CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment of 0.014 cents per kWh. The estimated billing impact of this increase for the Island Industrial Customer class based on the 2021 energy consumption would be approximately 0.01% or \$4,000 annually.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO** 

Shirley A. Walsh Senior Legal Counsel, Regulatory SAW/sk

Encl.

ecc:

**Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities** Jacqui H. Glynn PUB Official Email

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# Application for July 1, 2022 Island Industrial Customer Conservation and Demand Management Cost Recovery Adjustment

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An application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994,* SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 ("*EPCA*") and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 ("*Act*") and regulations thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro"), pursuant to Subsection 70(1) of the *Act*, for the approval of a change in the Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") Cost Recovery Adjustment to be charged to Island Industrial Customers effective July 1, 2022 ("2022 Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery Application").

To: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("Board")

### THE APPLICATION OF HYDRO STATES THAT:

### A. Background

1. Hydro, a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*.

- 2. Under the *Act*, the Board has the general supervision of public utilities and requires that a public utility submits for the approval of the Board the rates, tolls, and charges for the service provided by the public utility and the rules and regulations that relate to that service.
- 3. Subsection 70(1) of the *Act* provides that a public utility shall not charge, demand, collect or receive compensation for a service performed by it until the Board has approved a schedule of rates, tolls, and charges for the services provided by the public utility.
- 4. In Board Order No. P.U. 22(2017),<sup>1</sup> the Board approved Hydro's Rules and Regulations for CDM Cost Recovery, which require the CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment to be updated annually reflecting the ongoing amortizations and the deferred CDM program costs for the previous year.

<sup>1</sup> Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, c P-47, Board Order No. P.U. 22(2017), Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, June 14, 2017.

5. In Board Order No. P.U. 25(2021),<sup>2</sup> the Board approved an Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment of 0.013 cents per kWh effective July 1, 2021.

### B. Application

- 6. This application proposes to increase the Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery

  Adjustment by 0.001 cents per kWh, for a revised Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery

  Adjustment of 0.014 cents per kWh. The adjustment is proposed to become effective July 1, 2022.
- 7. Approval by the Board of the proposed Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery
  Adjustment will permit for recovery of deferred customer energy conservation program costs,
  as provided for, and intended by, Board Order No. P.U. 22(2017).
- 8. Schedule 1 to this application provides a calculation of the proposed Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment to become effective July 1, 2022.
- 9. Schedule 2 to this application provides an updated Island Industrial customer rate sheet, reflecting the revised Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment.

### C. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Request

10. Hydro requests the Board approve its proposed Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment of 0.014 cents per kWh, as set out in Schedule 1 of this application, to be effective July 1, 2022.

### D. Communications

11. Communications with respect to this application should be forwarded to Shirley A. Walsh, Senior Legal Counsel, Regulatory for Hydro.

<sup>2</sup> Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, c P-47, Board Order No. P.U. 25(2021), Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, July 13, 2021.

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**DATED** at St. John's in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador on this 10th day of June 2022.

### **NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

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## **Schedule 1**

Calculation of the Proposed Island Industrial Customer Conservation and Demand Management Cost Recovery Adjustment



# Calculation of Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") Cost Recovery Adjustment - Island Industrial Customers **Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro**

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1	A) Island Interconnected Recoverable Allocation <sup>1</sup>				
		2021 Energy Sales	Percent of	Allocation of Recoverable Amount	
7		(kWh)	Total kWh	(\$000)	
3	Newfoundland Power Inc.	5,432,366,847	%8.3%	270	
4	Island Industrial Firm	419,058,479	%2'9	21	
2	Rural Island Interconnected	442,741,405	7.0%	22	ı
9	Total	6,294,166,731	100.0%	313	From Page 2, Line 16
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6	B) Calculation of Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment	y Adjustment			
10	) Island Industrial Current Year Allocation (\$000)		3	Line 4/7 years	
11	. 2021 Energy Sales - Island Industrial Customers (kWh)		419,058,479	From Line 4	
12	: 2022 CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment (cents per kWh) <sup>2</sup>		0.001	[(Line $10 \times 1,000$ )/Line $11] \times 100$	
13	i 2021 CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment (cents per kWh) <sup>3</sup>		0.001		
14	i 2020 CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment (cents per kWh) <sup>4</sup>		0.001		
15	$5 - 2019$ CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment (cents per kWh) $^5$		0.001		
16	i 2018 CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment (cents per kWh) <sup>6</sup>		0.001		
17	' 2017 CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment (cents per kWh) <sup>7</sup>		0.009		
18	3 Total CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment (cents per kWh)		0.014	Line 12 + Line 13 + Line 14 + Line 15 + Line 16 + Line 17	Line 16 + Line 17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Recovers 2021 costs transferred to the CDM Cost Deferral Account amortized over the approved seven-year recovery period of 2022–2028.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Recovers 2020 costs transferred to the CDM Cost Deferral Account amortized over the approved seven-year recovery period of 2021–2027.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Recovers 2019 costs transferred to the CDM Cost Deferral Account amortized over the approved seven-year recovery period of 2020–2026. <sup>5</sup> Recovers 2018 costs transferred to the CDM Cost Deferral Account amortized over the approved seven-year recovery period of 2019–2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Recovers 2017 costs transferred to the CDM Cost Deferral Account amortized over the approved seven-year recovery period of 2018–2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Recovers 2016 CDM Cost Deferral Account balance amortized over the approved seven-year recovery period of 2017–2023.

 $\label{eq:conservation} Newfoundland\ and\ Labrador\ Hydro\ Conservation\ and\ Demand\ Management\ Account\ Amortization\ (\$000)^1$ 

	2025 2026 2027 2028	1 1							155	218	9 9	-	9 9	- 76 76 76	192 192 -	289 289 -	45 45 45 45	167 167 167 167	211 211 211 211	211 148 142 45	514 359 359 167	725 507 501 211
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	2023	646	549	1,196	89	142	211	63	155	218	9	•	9	16	192	289	45	167	211	976	1,205	7 131
_	2022	646	549	1,196	89	142	211	63	155	218	9	-	9	46	192	289	45	167	211	976	1,205	2 131
Amortization	2021	646	549	1,196	89	142	211	63	155	218	9	•	9	6	192	289		-	•	881	1,038	1 920
	2020	646	549	1,196	89	142	211	63	155	218	9	•	9	•	-	•	-	-	•	784	846	1,631
	2019	646	549	1,196	89	142	211	63	155	218		-	•		-		-	-	•	778	846	1.625
	2018	646	549	1,196	89	142	211		-	-	-	-			-	•	•	-	-	715	691	1.406
	2017	646	549	1,196		-	-		-	•	-	-			-	•	-	-	-	646	549	1.196
		4,524	3,846	8,370	479	994	1,474	443	1,085	1,528	43	-	43	681	1,343	2,024	313	1,167	1,480	6,483	8,436	14.919
	System Balance	Island Interconnected	Hydro Rural Isolated	Total <sup>2</sup>	Island Interconnected	Hydro Rural Isolated	Total <sup>2</sup>	Island Interconnected	Hydro Rural Isolated	Total <sup>2</sup>	Island Interconnected <sup>3</sup>	Hydro Rural Isolated	Total <sup>4</sup>	Island Interconnected	Hydro Rural Isolated	Total <sup>2,4</sup>	Island Interconnected	Hydro Rural Isolated	Total <sup>2</sup>	Island Interconnected	Hydro Rural Isolated	Grand Total
	Year		2016			2017			2018			2019			2020			2021			Total	
Line	8	1	7	3	4	2	9	7	∞	6	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	71

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{1}}$  Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Consistent with the "2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Report," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, April 1, 2022, p. 13, Table 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Amortization for Island Industrial customer's portion of 2019 Island Interconnected costs began July 1, 2020. Newfoundland Power Inc.'s portion was deferred per Order-in-Council OC2020-081 and amortization began July 1,

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  The total for 2019 and 2020 of \$2.1 million includes activity for 2019 of \$1.5 million and 2020 of \$0.6 million.



Schedule 2
Island Industrial Customer Rate Sheets



### **INDUSTRIAL – FIRM**

### **Availability**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy.

### Base Rate\*

### **Demand Charge**

The rate for Firm Power, as defined and set out in the Industrial Service Agreements, shall be \$10.73 per kilowatt (kW) per month of billing demand.

### Firm Energy Charge

### RSP Adjustment

Current Plan	@ 1.060¢ per kWh
Current Plan Mitigation Adjustment	@ <u>(0.675)</u> ¢ per kWh
Current Plan Total	@ 0.385¢ per kWh

Total RSP Adjustment – All kilowatt-hours.....@ 0.385¢ per kWh

CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment.....@ 0.014¢ per kWh



### **Specifically Assigned Charges**

The table below contains the additional annual specifically assigned charges for customer plant in service that is specifically assigned to the Customer.

	Annual Amount
Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited	\$13,311
Braya Renewable Fuels (Newfoundland) GP Inc.	\$107,678
Teck Resources Limited	\$51,789
Vale	\$145,352

### \*Subject to RSP Adjustments and CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment

RSP Adjustments refers to all applicable adjustments arising from the operation of Hydro's Rate Stabilization Plan, which levelizes variations in hydraulic production, fuel cost, load and rural rates.

The CDM Cost Recovery Adjustment is updated annually to provide recovery over a seven-year period of costs charged annually to the Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) Cost Deferral Account.

### **Adjustment for Losses**

If the metering point is on the load side of the transformer, either owned by the customer or specifically assigned to the customer, an adjustment for losses as determined in consultation with the customer prior to January 31 of each year shall be applied.

### General

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements.

This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) that applies to electricity bills.



### **INDUSTRIAL – NON-FIRM**

### **Availability**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy.

### Rate

### Non-Firm Energy Charge (¢ per kWh)

Non-Firm Energy is deemed to be supplied from thermal sources. The following formula shall apply to calculate the Non-Firm Energy rate:

$$\{(A \div B) \times (1 + C) \times (1 \div (1 - D))\} \times 100$$

- A = the monthly average cost of fuel per barrel for the energy source in the current month or, in the month the source was last used
- B = the conversion factor for the source used (kWh/bbl)
- C = the administrative and variable operating and maintenance charge (10%)
- D = the average system losses on the Island Interconnected grid for the last five years ending in 2016 (3.34%).

The energy sources and associated conversion factors are:

- 1) Holyrood, using No. 6 fuel with a conversion factor of 583 kWh/bbl
- 2) Gas turbines using No. 2 fuel with a conversion factor of 475 kWh/bbl
- 3) Diesels using No. 2 fuel with a conversion factor of 556 kWh/bbl

### **Adjustment for Losses**

If the metering point is on the load side of the transformer, either owned by the customer or specifically assigned to the customer, an adjustment for losses as determined in consultation with the customer prior to January 31 of each year shall be applied.

### General

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements.

This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) that applies to electricity bills.



### **INDUSTRIAL – WHEELING**

### **Availability**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy and whose Industrial Service Agreement so provides.

### Rate

### **Energy Charge**

All kWh (net of losses)\*.....@ 0.831¢ per kWh

\*For the purpose of this Rate, losses shall be 3.34%, the average system losses on the Island Interconnected Grid for the last five years ending in 2016.

### General

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements.

This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) that applies to electricity bills.





# **Affidavit**



IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 ("EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 ("Act") and regulations thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro"), pursuant to Subsection 70(1) of the Act, for the approval of a change in the Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") Cost Recovery Adjustment to be charged to Island Industrial Customers effective July 1, 2022 ("2022 Island Industrial Customer CDM Cost Recovery Application").

### **AFFIDAVIT**

- I, Kevin Fagan, of St. John's in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, make oath and say as follows:
- I am Vice President, Regulatory and Stakeholder Relations for Newfoundland and Labrador
   Hydro, the applicant named in the attached application.
- 2. I have read and understand the foregoing application.
- 3. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all of the matters, facts, and things set out in this application are true.

sworn at St. John's in the province of Newfoundland and habrador this <u>o</u> day of 2022, before me:

Barrister - Newfoundland and Labrador

**Kevin Fagan**