



## Public Utilities Board

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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Implementation of the Rate Mitigation Plan Report - Requests for Information**

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-002 regarding the above-noted matter.

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

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Galarneau  
Executive Director and Board Secretary

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the **Electrical Power**  
2 **Control Act, 1994**, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1  
3 (the “**EPCA**”) and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL  
4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “**Act**”), as amended,  
5 and regulations thereunder; and  
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** a report filed by Newfoundland  
8 and Labrador Hydro regarding the Implementation  
9 of the Rate Mitigation Plan dated October 22, 2024.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD  
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-002**

**Issued: December 6, 2024**

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- 1 **PUB-NLH-001** On pages 9-10, Hydro explained that the approximately \$20 million balance in  
 2 the Rural Rate Adjustment (“RRA”) would result in an average end-consumer  
 3 rate decrease of 2.6% in a future July 1<sup>st</sup> Utility Rate adjustment, assuming all  
 4 other items are kept constant. Due to the Government’s rate mitigation plan  
 5 target of 2.25%, Hydro noted that the Project Cost Recovery Rider would  
 6 increase to offset this potential rate decrease in order to achieve the 2.25%  
 7 target rate increase on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 8 a) Are there any other options that Hydro could consider to refund this  
 9 balance to Newfoundland Power to apply against its Rate Stabilization  
 10 Account (“RSA”) instead of flowing it through the July 1<sup>st</sup> Utility Rate  
 11 Adjustment? Please provide details of available options or why other  
 12 options are not available.
- 13 b) Given the large RRA credit balance in the Supply Cost Variance Deferral  
 14 Account that has accumulated as a result of past rate increases to Hydro’s  
 15 Rural Customers, please address the considerations, including  
 16 intergenerational equity, of transferring the current RRA credit balance to  
 17 the RSA of Newfoundland Power to reduce the July 1, 2025 rate increase  
 18 required from Newfoundland Power customers.
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- 20 **PUB-NLH-002** Have there been any discussions with the Island Industrial Customers with  
 21 respect to timing of rate changes, given that there are currently two rate  
 22 changes for the group, one in January and one in July but an annual rate  
 23 mitigation target? If not, does Hydro plan to have these discussions with the  
 24 Island Industrial Customers?

**DATED** at St. John’s, Newfoundland this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Jo-Anne Galarneau  
Executive Director and Board Secretary