

IN THE MATTER OF the
Public Utilities Act, (the “Act”)

AND,

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for
an Order approving: (1) its 2005 capital budget
pursuant to s.41(1) of the Act; (2) its 2005
capital purchases, and construction projects
in excess of \$50,000 pursuant to s.41(3) (a)
of the Act; (3) its leases in excess of
\$5,000 pursuant to s. 41(3) of the Act;
and (4) its estimated contributions
in aid of construction for 2005 pursuant to
s. 41(5) of the Act and for an Order pursuant to
s. 78 of the Act fixing and determining its average
rate base for 2003.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

PUB 1-NLH The 2004 Capital Budget (B-10) included the replacement of Unit 2 Governor Controls at Cat Arm, a project which was not approved in Board Order P.U. 29(2003). Please provide an update on the service record of these controls since the 2004 Capital Budget Application and the current plan for maintaining these controls.

PUB 2-NLH The 2004 Capital Budget (B-12) included the replacement of Unit 2 Exciter at Cat Arm, a project which was not approved in Board Order P.U. 29(2003). Please provide an update on the service record of this static exciter since the 2004 Capital Budget Application and the current plan for maintaining this piece of equipment.

PUB 3-NLH p. B-137 Replace VHF Mobile Radio System \$2,914,800

In the hearing into the 2004 Capital Budget, in the cross-examination of Mr. Downton (transcript, July 7, 2003), information was put on the record concerning the VHF system used by the RCMP and the appropriateness of this system for the needs of NLH. Have any more recent discussions taken place with the RCMP regarding the sharing of a VHF system? If so, please provide details.

PUB 4-NLH Since the options being considered by NLH do not include the sharing of a system with the RCMP, please provide details of why this option is not now, or would not be considered in the future, appropriate for the needs of NLH. If costs are an issue, please include the specific relevant costs in the details.

PUB 5-NLH p. B-47 Interconnect – Rencontre East \$3,250,100

The Rencontre East Interconnection has a payback of 15 years under base case assumptions, the threshold for project consideration, but a high sensitivity to an increase in capital costs. What factors could cause an increase in the capital costs of the project?

PUB 6-NLH What steps has the company taken to ensure that the capital costs do not negatively impact the payback period?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 20th day of September 2004.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Per _____
G. Cheryl Blundon,
Director of Corporate Services and
Board Secretary.