

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD  
NO. P. U. 1(2009)**

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power*  
2 *Control Act*, RSNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the  
3 "*EPCA*") and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,  
4 Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*") as amended, and their  
5 subordinate regulations;

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7 **AND**  
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9 **IN THE MATTER OF** rates to be charged  
10 for the supply of power and energy by  
11 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to  
12 Non-Government Rural Isolated Domestic  
13 and General Service customers, pursuant  
14 to Sections 70 and 71 of the *Act*.

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16 **WHEREAS** Hydro is a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation*  
17 *Act*, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is subject to the provisions of  
18 the *EPCA*; and

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20 **WHEREAS** pursuant to section 5.1 of the *EPCA* the Lieutenant Governor in Council is  
21 empowered to direct the Board on matters concerning the determination of rate structures  
22 of public utilities; and

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24 **WHEREAS** on January 1, 2007, pursuant to Order No. P.U. 14 (2004), Hydro would  
25 have implemented the third year of a three year phase-in of a demand-energy rate  
26 structure and the elimination of the lifeline block for Hydro's Rural Isolated General  
27 Service customers; and

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29 **WHEREAS** pursuant to Government direction issued on December 6 2006, (the  
30 "*Government Directive*"), rate changes for 2007 for Non-Government Rural Isolated  
31 Domestic and General Service customers were to be equal to the rate change approved  
32 for equivalent classes of Newfoundland Power customers and the proposed phase-in of a  
33 demand-energy rate for Isolated General Service Customers was to be completed by  
34 January 1, 2009 in accordance with a plan to be filed with the Board by Hydro in 2007;  
35 and

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37 **WHEREAS** Order No. P.U. 8(2007) accepted Hydro's proposed changes to the Rules  
38 and Regulations in accordance with the Government Directive; and

1 **WHEREAS** on December 11, 2007 Hydro filed with the Board a two-year plan  
2 indicating that there would be no rate change for Non-Government Rural Isolated  
3 Domestic and General Service customers for the year 2008, except where rate changes  
4 were granted to Newfoundland Power, and also advising that the rate changes required  
5 pursuant to the Government Directive would come into effect in 2009; and  
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7 **WHEREAS** according to the Government Directive the rates for Hydro's Non-  
8 Government Rural Isolated Domestic and General Service customers as of January 1,  
9 2009 were to be those rates that would have come into effect but for the Government  
10 Directive; and  
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12 **WHEREAS** on December 31, 2008 the Board issued Order No. P.U. 38(2008) approving  
13 rates for Hydro's Non-Government Rural Isolated Domestic and General Service  
14 customers in accordance with the Government Directive; and  
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16 **WHEREAS** after the issuance of Order No. P.U. 38 (2008) the Board received a further  
17 government directive, dated January 2, 2009, directing that rate changes for Non-  
18 Government Rural Isolated Domestic and General Service customers were to be equal to  
19 the rate change approved for equivalent classes of Newfoundland Power customers until  
20 January 1, 2010, effectively continuing the rates established in Order No. P.U. 16(2008).  
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23 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**  
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- 25 1. Order No. P.U. 38(2008) is rescinded.  
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- 27 2. The rates for Non-Government Rural Isolated Domestic and General Service  
28 customers are approved as set out in Schedule A, effective January 1, 2009.  
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- 30 3. Hydro shall file no later than September 30, 2009 an application for approval of  
31 rates to be effective January 1, 2010 for its Non-Government Rural Isolated  
32 Domestic and General Service customers.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 2009.

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Andy Wells  
Chair & Chief Executive Officer

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Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.  
Vice-Chair

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Dwanda Newman, LL.B  
Commissioner

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Barbara Thistle  
Assistant Board Secretary

**Schedule A**

**Order No. P. U. 1(2009)**

**Effective: January 1 – December 31, 2009**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE 1.2D**

**DOMESTIC DIESEL**

**Availability:**

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments) for service to a domestic unit or to buildings or facilities which are on the same Serviced premises as a Domestic Unit and used by the same Customer exclusively for domestic or household purposes, whether such buildings or facilities are included on the same meter as the Domestic Unit or metered separately. All churches, schools, and community halls in the diesel service areas are also subject to this rate.

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

Basic Customer Charge: ..... \$15.56 per month

Energy Charge:

*First Block (See Table Below)* kilowatt-hours per month..... @ 9.631¢ per kWh

*Second Block (See Table Below)* kilowatt-hours per month ..... @ 11.028¢ per kWh

All kWh over 1000 kilowatt-hours per month ..... @ 14.951¢ per kWh

|                     | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | Jun. | Jul. | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| <i>First Block</i>  | 1000 | 1000 | 900  | 900  | 800 | 800  | 700  | 700  | 700   | 800  | 900  | 1000 |
| <i>Second Block</i> | 0    | 0    | 100  | 100  | 200 | 200  | 300  | 300  | 300   | 200  | 100  | 0    |

Minimum Monthly Charge ..... \$15.56

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill, but not less than \$1.00, will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**Rate Stabilization Clause:**

This Rate is subject to the Rate Stabilization Adjustment arising from the operation of the Rate Stabilization Clause which forms part of the Schedule of Rates. The adjustment is applicable only to the first block kWh per month.

**Municipal Tax Clause:**

This Rate is subject to the Municipal Tax Adjustment arising from the operation of the Municipal Tax Clause which forms part of the Schedule or Rates.

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE 2.1D**

**GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL 0-10 kW**

**Availability:**

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments) for non-domestic services where the maximum demand occurring in the 12 months ending with the current month is less than 10 kilowatts.

**Rate:**

Basic Customer Charge: ..... \$19.76 per month

Energy Charge:  
All kilowatt-hours ..... @ 16.845¢ per kWh

Minimum Monthly Charge: Single Phase..... \$19.76  
Three Phase ..... \$36.23

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill, but not less than \$1.00 or more than \$500.00, will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE 2.2D**

**GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL OVER 10 kW**

**Availability:**

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments) for non-domestic services where the maximum demand occurring in the 12 months ending with the current month is 10 kilowatts or greater.

**Rate:**

Basic Customer Charge: ..... \$28.10 per month

**Demand Charge:**

The maximum demand registered on the meter in the current month ..... @ \$12.47 per kW

**Energy Charge:**

All kilowatt-hours ..... @ 15.853¢ per kWh

Minimum Monthly Charge: Single Phase..... \$28.10  
Three Phase ..... \$61.27

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill, but not less than \$1.00 or more than \$500.00, will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding metering [in particular Regulation 7 (n)], transformation [in particular Regulation 9(k)], and other conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**  
**RATE No. 4.1D**  
**STREET AND AREA LIGHTING SERVICE DIESEL**

**Availability:**

For Street and Area Lighting Service (excluding Government Departments) throughout the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro, where the electricity is supplied by Hydro and all fixtures, wiring and controls are provided, owned and maintained by Hydro.

**Monthly Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustment)

|  | <b>SENTINEL /<br/>STANDARD</b> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>MERCURY VAPOUR</b>                    |                                |
| 250W ( 9,400 lumens)                     | \$19.50                        |
| <b>HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM <sup>1</sup></b> |                                |
| 100W ( 8,600 lumens)                     | 15.43                          |
| 150W (14,400 lumens)                     | 19.50                          |
| 250W (23,200 lumens)                     | 25.89                          |
| 400W (45,000 lumens)                     | 35.39                          |

<sup>1</sup> For all new installations and replacements.

**Special poles used exclusively for lighting service**

Wood..... \$6.27

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations.  
**This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**