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The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
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Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: In the Matter of an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
pursuant to Sections 70 and 71 of the Act for the approval of a
Net Metering Program

Further to the above-captioned, enclosed please find the original and twelve (12) copies of the Consumer Advocate's Requests for Information numbered CA-NLH-010 to CA-NLH-014.

A copy of this letter, together with enclosures, has been forwarded directly to the parties listed below.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours truly,



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

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6 **IN THE MATTER OF** an Application
7 by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
8 pursuant to Sections 70 and 71 of the Act, for
9 the approval of a Net Metering Program

**CONSUMER ADVOCATE
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

CA-NLH-010 to CA-NLH-014

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1 CA-NLH-010

2 The Application states on page 7, line 17, that Hydro requires payment
3 to perform any upgrading to distribution systems or installing
4 metering equipment.

5 (a) Will there be additional cost for metering? What percentage
6 of Hydro customers currently have bi-directional meters? Who
7 will pay for any additional metering costs, who will be
8 responsible for installation, and who will own the metering
9 installation?

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11 (b) When determining the additional cost, will a calculation be
12 made to determine cost offsets as well? For example, will
13 Hydro take into consideration expected reductions in losses
14 and deferment of new facilities, and, if so, on what basis will
15 these savings be evaluated?

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With respect to Appendix “E” to the Application – the Net Metering Interconnection Agreement, in addition to the Interconnection Agreement, will there also be a commercial agreement to cover sales by the customer to Hydro?

1 CA-NLH-012

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What steps will be taken by Hydro to ensure that the administrative burden on customers is not a barrier to market entry? For example, will Hydro establish the equivalent of a one-stop shop so that a single point of contact is assigned to each net metering applicant to see the project through from initiation to implementation including conclusion of the interconnection agreement, thus easing the administrative burden on applicants?

1 CA-NLH-013 What impacts, if any, will the Net Metering Program have on the
2 RSP?

1 CA-NLH-014

In the Executive Summary, page ii, commencing at line 18, Hydro proposes that its use of a payout rate reflective of system marginal generation costs to apply to net excess generation instead of the use of the retail rate.

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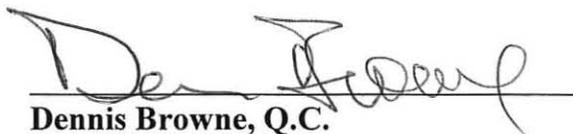
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(a) What timeframe is Hydro considering in this proposal, i.e. marginal costs at the time of payment for the annual credit, marginal costs averaged over the year that credits have accumulated, marginal costs in the month that a credit occurred, etc.?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 3rd day of February, 2017.

Per:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Browne", written over a horizontal line.

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