

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

**IN THE MATTER OF** Order No. P.U. 43 (2017) in relation to Hydro’s 2018 Capital Budget Application and

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** the Network Additions Policy Review Dated October 1, 2018; the Labrador Interconnected System – Network Additions Policy dated December 14, 2018; the Labrador Interconnected System Transmission Expansion Study dated October 31, 2018; and Revision 1 dated November 5, 2018 filed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

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**CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**CA-NLH-007 to CA-NLH-016**

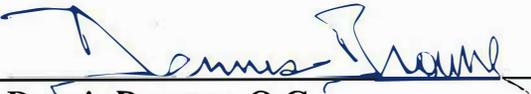
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- 1 CA-NLH-007 In light of information gleaned from the Technical Conference held on May  
2 28, 2020 on the Network Additions Policy, does Hydro propose any  
3 changes to its proposed Network Additions Policy? More specifically, in  
4 Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-085 it is stated that interruptible load is not  
5 considered a least cost alternative for supply to Labrador Interconnected  
6 Customers. Has Hydro changed its opinion on offering an interruptible rate  
7 to new customers on the Labrador Interconnected System?  
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- 9 CA-NLH-008 Have Labrador Interconnected customers indicated a willingness to pay  
10 rates that would be 8% greater as a result of the proposed Labrador  
11 transmission expansion plan? If so, please provide proof and the source of  
12 such proof.  
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- 14 CA-NLH-009 It is understood that: 1) Labrador Interconnected customers experience  
15 lower reliability of supply than Island Interconnected customers, and 2)  
16 Labrador Interconnected customers have much lower rates than Island  
17 Interconnected customers. Have Labrador Interconnected customers  
18 complained that the value of electric service received is not comparable to  
19 that on the Island? If so, please provide proof and the source of such proof.  
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- 21 CA-NLH-010 What will Labrador Interconnected customers receive in return for the 8%  
22 rate increase brought on by the proposed Labrador transmission expansion  
23 plan? For example, what benefits will customers see in terms of reliability,  
24 customer quality of service, provincial economic activity, etc.  
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- 26 CA-NLH-011 The response to NP-NLH-033 states "*The impact of network additions to*  
27 *the Island is materially different than Labrador*". The response to PUB-  
28 NLH-054 indicates that a revised Network Additions Policy for the Island  
29 is not as urgent as the need for a revised policy in Labrador. If Hydro's  
30 proposed Network Additions Policy is consistent with industry best  
31 practice, are impacts and urgency adequate justification for having different  
32 Network Additions Policies for the Island and Labrador Interconnected  
33 Systems? Would it not be a better use of the Board's time to develop a  
34 Province-wide Network Additions Policy since the objectives and  
35 principles of such policy would be the same?  
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- 37 CA-NLH-012 If the target loss of load probability for the system were 1 day in 10 years,  
38 how would Hydro determine the value of reliability improvements beyond  
39 this level, for example, 1 day in 20 years?  
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- 41 CA-NLH-013 Has Hydro ever charged a new customer in the Province for network  
42 additions? Please provide examples of any such cases.

- 1 CA-NLH-014 Please provide a table summarizing Hydro's proposed Network Additions  
2 Policy including the rights these customers will be granted in exchange for  
3 payment of network upgrades, how long the customers retain these rights  
4 and the transmission rate these customers will pay. In the table, identify the  
5 differences between Hydro's proposed policy and the policies proposed by  
6 the consultants for the Board and the Labrador Interconnected Group.  
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- 8 CA-NLH-015 In Hydro's opinion, should crypto-currency customers be treated as a  
9 separate class of customers? What are the benefits of doing so? Is it legal to  
10 treat crypto-currency customers differently than other customers under  
11 current legislation?  
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- 13 CA-NLH-016 Where does Hydro plan to publish its Network Additions Policy so that  
14 potential new customers will have ready access to the information? Will it  
15 be made part of the Open Access Transmission Tariff?

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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