

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO APPLICATION
FINALIZATION OF RATES TO BE CHARGED TO ITS
ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS.**

Island Industrial Customers' rates were last set by the Board in Order No. P.U. 8(2007), effective for consumption on and after January 1, 2007. Since then the Board has issued Order Nos. P.U. 34(2007), P.U. 37(2008) and P.U.6 (2009) approving, among other things, the continuation of the rates, rules and regulations for the Island Industrial Customers on an interim basis.

On June 30, 2009 Hydro filed an application (the "Application"), pursuant to Sections 70(1) and 76 of the *Public Utilities Act*, requesting the finalization of rates charged to its Industrial Customers and specifically that:

- (i) the rates for Teck Cominco Limited (formerly Aur Resources Inc.) be the same as the rates in effect for all other Island Industrial customers; and
- (ii) the existing Island Industrial Customer interim rates, except the rates for Teck Cominco Limited, be made final.

The Board has determined that it will hold a public hearing into Hydro's application for the finalization of Island Industrial Customer rates.

The parties participating in this process to date include the Consumer Advocate, Mr. Thomas Johnson, Newfoundland Power Inc., and Hydro's Island Industrial Customers (Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, North Atlantic Refining Limited, Teck Cominco Limited, and Vale Inco Newfoundland and Labrador Limited). On March 16, 2010 Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada advised that it would also be participating in the Application.

Any or all customers of Hydro, including customers of Newfoundland Power Inc. may be affected by the outcome of this Application.

The hearing into the Application will begin on **May 17, 2010**, at 9:30 am in the Board's hearing room at 120 Torbay Road, St. John's, NL.

Anyone interested in participating in this Application must submit a Notice of Intention to Participate to the Board **before 12:00 noon, Wednesday, April 7, 2010**. The Notice can be in the form of a letter and should clearly state the intended participant's interests, issues, concerns and contact information, including address and telephone number. Further communication as to the application process and timing will be made directly with participants.

Notices of Intention to Participate should be addressed to the Board Secretary as set out below:

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Copies of the Application and supporting documentation filed to date, along with the Board's legislation and regulations, are available for viewing on the Board's website at www.pub.nl.ca or by request to the Board Secretary.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 23rd day of March 2010.

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary