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**Newfoundland and Labrador Board  
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**Attention:** Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon, Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

**RE: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's General Rate Application**

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the Request for Information of the Nunatsiavut Government in respect of the above-noted Application.

We have provided a copy of this correspondence together with the enclosures to all the concerned parties.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Benson Buffett PLC Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Genevieve M. Dawson', written over a horizontal line.

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Encl.

c.c. Geoffrey P. Young, Senior Legal Counsel, Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro  
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Thomas O'Reilly, Q.C., Cox & Palmer  
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IN THE MATTER OF the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*, S.N.L 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "EPCA") and the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N.L. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act") and regulations thereunder; and

AND IN THE MATTER OF a general rate application filed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on July 30, 2013; and

AND IN THE MATTER of an amended general rate application filed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on November 10, 2014.

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NUNATSIVUT GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

NG-NLH-2 to NG-NLH-8

ISSUED: April 15, 2015

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1 **Background**

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3 With the goal of reducing electricity costs for residents and business of the region, the Nunatsiavut  
4 Government wishes to ensure that all efforts are being taken to reduce power consumption, and  
5 consider alternative sources of electricity.

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7 **Request for Information**

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9 That Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro provide information on the matters below.

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11 NG-NLH-2 The response from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for the Request for Information  
12 item: NG-NLH-1 projected electricity rates for various Nunatsiavut customers for 2016.  
13 There are marked differences in the projected rate increases for various types of  
14 customers. What are the reasons for the following differentials in rate increases?

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16 a) For Domestic Diesel Customers: between the First, Second and Over 1,000 kWh  
17 Blocks, Energy Charges?

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19 b) Between Basic Customer Charge - Domestic Diesel Category, and Basic  
20 Customer Charge – General Service Diesel (0-10 kWh), and Basic Customer  
21 Charge – General Service Diesel Over 10 kWh?

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23 NG-NLH-3 Over the fiscal years 2013-14 to 2014-15, what expenditures have been made by  
24 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (supported by provincial government programs or  
25 within the utility's budget) to promote energy efficiency in Nunatsiavut?

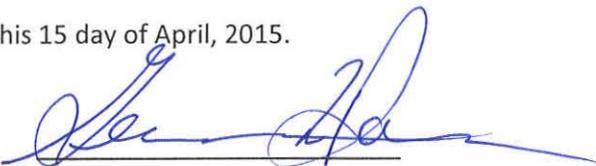
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27 NG-NLH-4 What specific energy efficiency activities have been conducted in such areas as: a)  
28 demand side management, b) building insulation, c) thermostats, d) block heater timing  
29 devices, and e) other potential initiatives over the fiscal years 2013-14 to 2014-15?

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- 31 NG-NLH-5 What has been the impact of energy efficiency efforts and expenditures over the fiscal  
32 years 2013-14 to 2014-15 in terms of reducing total or per capita electricity demand?  
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- 34 NG-NLH-6 Studies have been conducted in recent years by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and  
35 the province to consider small hydro opportunities in some Nunatsiavut communities to  
36 reduce long term electricity costs. Are any such small hydro projects still under  
37 consideration by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, and if not why not?  
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- 39 NG-NLH-7 Studies have been conducted in recent years by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and  
40 the province to consider small wind opportunities in some Nunatsiavut communities to  
41 reduce long term electricity costs. Are any such small wind projects still under  
42 consideration by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and if not, why not?  
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- 44 NG-NLH-8 Given the fact the costs of solar power declined by over 50% over the past 5 years, and  
45 are projected to fall further: is solar power being considered by Newfoundland and  
46 Labrador Hydro as a future source of electricity, and if not, why not?

DATED at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 15 day of April, 2015.



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