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Dear Mr. Young:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2013 General Rate Application

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-NP-1 to PUB-NP-7 regarding the above-noted application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, via jgylmn@pub.nl.ca or (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF**
2 the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*,
3 SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "*EPCA*")
4 and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,
5 Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*"), as amended; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** a General Rate
8 Application (the "*Application*") by
9 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to
10 establish customer electricity rates for 2014.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

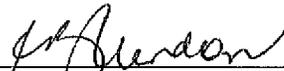
PUB-NP-1 to PUB-NP-7

Issued: May 8, 2014

- 1 **PUB-NP-1** Both Messrs. D. Bowman (page 3, lines 21-24) and P. Bowman (page 4,
2 lines 33-34) recommend eliminating the load variation component of the
3 Rate Stabilization Plan. Does Mr. Brockman agree with this
4 recommendation? If yes, explain why in detail. If no, explain in detail why
5 not.
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- 7 **PUB-NP-2** Both Messrs P. Bowman (page 4, lines 34-37) and Dr. Wilson (Page 29)
8 recommend that, if the load component remains in the Rate Stabilization
9 Plan, the Board should approve Hydro's proposal to allocate the load
10 variation costs in proportion to customer energy ratios in the same manner
11 as fuel price variation is allocated. Does Mr. Brockman agree with this
12 recommendation? If yes, explain why in detail. If no, explain in detail why
13 not.
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- 15 **PUB-NP-3** Is Mr. Brockman of the opinion that the amendment to the Rate
16 Stabilization Plan proposed by Hydro to add a new "*Energy Supply*" cost
17 component should be approved? If yes, explain in detail why. If no,
18 explain in detail why not.
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- 20 **PUB-NP-4** Does Mr. Brockman agree that Hydro's proposal to establish a deferral
21 and recovery mechanism for Isolated systems diesel costs and power
22 purchases variations should be approved? If yes, explain in detail why. If
23 no, explain in detail why not.
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- 25 **PUB-NP-5** Please provide Mr. Brockman's opinion on whether the current
26 methodology for allocating the rural deficit continues to be appropriate or
27 whether it should be modified as proposed by a number of intervenors. In
28 the reply explain in detail what alternatives to the current methodology, if
29 any, does Mr. Brockman think should be considered for approval.
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- 31 **PUB-NP-6** In Section 3.0 "*Hydro's Rate Proposal for Newfoundland Power*" of Mr.
32 Brockman's report, it was recommended that the Board should limit any
33 increase in the demand charge. Would you agree that if there is a need to
34 choose between efficient energy price signals and efficient capacity price
35 signals for reaching conservation and resource efficiency objectives,
36 prices that reflect marginal energy costs would be the best choice? Please
37 explain your response.
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- 39 **PUB-NP-7** In Section 5.0 "*Test Year*" of his report, Mr. Brockman's review of
40 Hydro's 2013 test year identifies a mix of actual and forecasted
41 results/data and, as such, there are several items that should be considered
42 for adjustment by the Board. Would you agree that due to such a mixture
43 of historic and forecasted data as well with some uncertainty, an
44 alternative for achieving just and reasonable rates could be to have more
45 regular periodic GRA filings? Please explain your response.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 8th day of May 2014.

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Per 

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary