

1 Q. **Project C-136, Upgrade Transmission Line Access Trails:**

2 Has Hydro received any order or direction specifically addressed to Hydro from a
3 federal or provincial department or agency, requiring specified measures to be
4 taken in relation the existing access trails? If yes, provide copies of all such orders,
5 directions and correspondence between Hydro and the department/agency in
6 relation thereto.

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9 A. In 1995 a policy directive was issued by the Government of Newfoundland and
10 Labrador, Department of Natural Resources to Hydro outlining measures to be
11 adhered to when using access trails for the inspection and maintenance of power
12 lines and generating stations. A copy of this letter is attached.



GOVERNMENT OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Department of Natural Resources

August 15, 1995

Mr. Frank Ricketts
Manager of Environmental Services
Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro
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Dear Mr. Ricketts:

Re: **All-Terrain Vehicle Use Regulations, 1994**

Subsequent to a recent review of the All-Terrain Vehicle Use Regulations, a policy directive has been issued by the Lands Branch to clarify the designation of ancillary roads or trails used in conjunction with the inspection and maintenance of power lines and generating stations.

In accordance with Section 3(e)(iv) of the Regulations, access roads and ancillary roads or trails used by hydro companies for the above noted purposes may be designated as "approved areas" for the use of ATVs. This designation is subject to the following conditions.

1. Existing power lines:

- (a) All trails currently in use are required to be identified on appropriate mapping (usually 1:50,000) and supplied to the Lands Branch by the hydro companies.
- (b) Appropriate signs are to be supplied and erected by the hydro companies to identify the beginning and end of the trails. Intermediate signs are not required.
- (c) Approval for all stream crossings is required from the Department of Environment.

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2. Applications for new power lines:

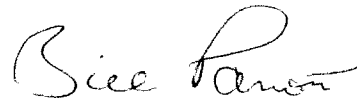
- (a) All conditions outlined in (1) above are applicable.
- (b) All ancillary trails and access roads are required to be identified during the review process.
- (c) "Approved areas" will be designated upon issuance of the power line easement.

Upon notification that condition 1(b) above is complied with, existing licenses for occupancy will be terminated. The ancillary roads and trails identified in the licenses will then be designated as "approved areas" under Section 3(e)(iv) of the Regulations. Unless otherwise notified, the maps attached to the licenses are sufficient for our records.

All applications currently in our system awaiting processing are cancelled. In order to have the roads or trails identified in these applications designated as "approved areas", you are required to provide the information specified in conditions 1(a),(b) and (c). Please note that duplicate copies of mapping are required. One copy is to be sent to the appropriate Regional Lands Office. The other copy is to be sent to the Crown Lands Records Division, Howley Building, Higgins Line.

I trust this information is satisfactory. Should you require further information or clarification please contact Mr. Walter Milley at 729-2218.

Yours truly,



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Director of Crown Lands