# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

#### **NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO APPLICATION FOR CHANGES TO THE RATE STABILIZATION PLAN AND ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMER RATES

#### THE APPLICATION

On July 30, 2013 the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board") received an application (the "Application") from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for approval of changes to the Rate Stabilization Plan (the "RSP") and Island Industrial Customer rates. The Application is filed pursuant to Government direction to Hydro and the Board and proposes:

- (i) rate increases for Island Industrial Customers to be phased-in over three years beginning on September 1, 2013;
- (ii) that the balance in the Load Variation component of the RSP accumulated from January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2013 be credited to the Island Industrial Customers RSP and the Newfoundland Power Inc. RSP;
- (iii) that the credit to the Island Industrial Customers RSP of \$49 million be used to offset the rate increases to this class and that the refund of the credit to the Newfoundland Power Inc. RSP of approximately \$111 million be addressed during Hydro's general rate application process;
- (iv) changes to the load variation provisions of RSP rules, effective September 1, 2013; and
- (v) finalization of the Island Industrial Customer rates which were interim from January 1, 2008 to August 31, 2013.

The Application may be viewed on the Board's website www.pub.nl.ca and copies are available upon request to the Board Secretary. The Application can also be viewed at any of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's regional offices.

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Anyone can participate in the Application by becoming an intervenor, by making a presentation or by submitting a letter of comment. Intervenor Submissions must satisfy the requirements set out in section 9 of the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations*, 1996 and must be filed with the Board by 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2013. Persons wishing to participate by making a presentation or filing a

letter of comment must also notify the Board by 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 16, 2013. All interested participants must provide full contact information including name, address and phone number.

### HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD

All correspondence and requests for copies of the Application or further information should be submitted to the Board Secretary at:

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**Dated** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2013.

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary