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**Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro**

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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2026 Capital Budget Application  
To NLH - Requests for Information**

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-051 to PUB-NLH-063 regarding the above-noted matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the **Electrical Power**  
2 **Control Act**, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1  
3 (the “**EPCA**”) and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL  
4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “**Act**”), as amended,  
5 and regulations thereunder; and  
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by  
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for an  
9 Order approving:

- 10 i) its capital budget for 2026, pursuant to  
11 section 41(1) of the **Act**;  
12 ii) its proposed capital purchases and construction  
13 projects for 2026 in excess of \$750,000, pursuant  
14 to section 41(3)(a) of the **Act**;  
15 iii) contributions by certain Customers for contributions  
16 towards the cost of improvements to certain property,  
17 pursuant to section 41(5) of the **Act**; and  
18 iv) for an Order pursuant to section 78 of the **Act**,  
19 fixing and determining its average rate base for  
20 2024.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD  
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUB-NLH-051 to PUB-NLH-063**

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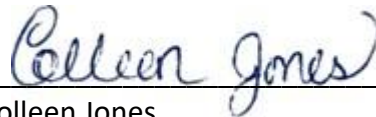
- 1 **PUB-NLH-051** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-006, absent rate mitigation beyond 2030,  
2 will costs related to the 2026 Capital Budget Application be recovered from  
3 customers commencing in 2031?  
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- 5 **PUB-NLH-052** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-009:  
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7 “Through capital planning and workforce planning efforts, Hydro is currently  
8 developing a framework and processes to compare the required capital  
9 resources to execute the CBA against the available internal labour.”  
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- 11 a) When will the framework and processes to compare the required  
12 capital resources to execute the CBA against the available internal  
13 labour be completed?  
14 b) Does Hydro envision including the review of capital resources to  
15 execute the CBA against the available internal labour with each  
16 annual capital budget application filed in future years?  
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- 18 **PUB-NLH-053** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-010, for programs and projects budgeted  
19 under \$750,000, does Hydro believe there is a threshold of over- expenditures  
20 that would require subsequent Board approval?  
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- 22 **PUB-NLH-054** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-012, Chart 2, provide asset count data in  
23 five-year increments (0 to 4, 5 to 9, 10 to 14, 15 to 19) for all poles currently  
24 with expected remaining life of less than 20 years.  
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- 26 **PUB-NLH-055** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-012, Chart 3, provide age and asset count  
27 data in five-year increments (40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, etc.) for all  
28 poles currently greater than 40 years of age.  
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- 30 **PUB-NLH-056** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-015, if the detailed condition assessment  
31 completed as the heavy-duty vehicle approaches the replacement criteria  
32 determines that the vehicle still has useful life remaining, what happens to the  
33 heavy-duty vehicle ordered 3 years prior?  
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- 35 **PUB-NLH-057** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-016, how does the replacement of a  
36 major powertrain component such as an engine, transmission, axles,  
37 differentials and undercarriage components affect the replacement criteria (9  
38 years and 200,000 kms) for that particular heavy-duty vehicle?  
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- 40 **PUB-NLH-058** Further to the responses to PUB-NLH-016, PUB-NLH-018 and PUB-NLH-040,  
41 provide an explanation as to why \$100,000 was selected as the appropriate  
42 amount for in-service failure and why this amount is consistent for light-duty  
43 vehicles, heavy-duty vehicles and heavy-duty mobile equipment. Include in  
44 the response the 5-year historical expenditures for each type of in-service  
45 failure covered by these programs.

- 1 **PUB-NLH-059** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-018, with the increase in the legislated  
 2 threshold amount to \$750,000, is the in-service failure amount of \$100,000  
 3 still necessary?  
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- 5 **PUB-NLH-060** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-020, provide engineering estimates for  
 6 each facility refurbishment planned for 2026 based on the detailed condition  
 7 assessments included in Appendices B through G of the Perform Facilities  
 8 Refurbishment (2026) Program.  
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- 10 **PUB-NLH-061** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-020, will Hydro employ third party  
 11 contractors to execute the scope of work for each facility included in the  
 12 Perform Facilities Refurbishment (2026) Program? If yes, how will Hydro  
 13 determine the actual scope of work and reasonable cost estimate for issuing  
 14 public tenders to potential contractors?  
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- 16 **PUB-NLH-062** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-031, what rate of replacement and  
 17 approximate budget amount would be required to replace all disconnect  
 18 switches 60 years of age or older by the end of 2028?  
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- 20 **PUB-NLH-063** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-043, please confirm if Hydro has a  
 21 vegetation management standard of practice policy/document that is used  
 22 across the entirety of its service territory. If yes, please provide.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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