

Requests for Information
Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) 2002 General Rate Review

- NP-186 Further to NP-10, would Hydro allow the Board’s financial consultants to review for reasonableness the labour escalation rate assumed for 2002 (subject to maintaining the confidentiality of the information)?
- NP-187 (a) Further to NP-11(a), provide details of inter-corporate transactions with affiliates or subsidiaries other than CF(L)Co for each year for the period 1992 to 2000 and forecast for 2001 and 2002 (JCR, Schedule I, lines 34 and 35); or, confirm that there were no inter-corporate transactions with, or charges to Gull Island Power Company Limited, Lower Churchill Development Corporation and, Twin Falls Power Corporation Limited.
- (b) Subject to the answer to NP-187(a) above, provide details on how Hydro allocates costs to its subsidiaries or affiliates (other than CF(L)Co) , including costs of executives and other employees (JCR, Schedule I, lines 34 and 35).
- NP-188 Further to NP-13, (JCR, Schedule I):
- (a) provide details of advertising expense for the years 1992-2000;
- (b) provide explanation of “Communications Plan” advertising;
- (c) provide the justification for including a \$60,000 contribution for Bay D’Espoir Street Lighting as part of regulated costs for 2002.
- NP-189 Further to NP-27, provide copies of any internal/external audit reports or reviews that discuss the Hydro customer service system (WEW, page 19, lines 17-20), or confirm that no reports prepared refer to the system.
- NP-190 (a) Further to NP-35(a), in its report to the Minister on July 29, 1996, the Board recommended that preferential rates be phased out and that the phase-out period should be five years. Why is Hydro not providing a schedule to eliminate the preferential rates in accordance with the Board’s recommendation?
- (a) Further to NP-35(b), in its report to the Minister on July 29, 1996, the Board recommended that the new rate for federal and provincial departments and agencies should be phased in over 5 years to recover full costs. Why is Hydro not providing a schedule to implement rates to recover full cost in accordance with the Board’s recommendation?

- NP-191 Further to the derivation of the \$24,490,000 RSP transfer for 2002 provided in NP-43, reconcile:
- (a) the \$21.20 average COS fuel cost for 2002 provided in response to NP-43 with the \$20 per barrel referred to by DWO line 18, page 3.
 - (b) the \$28.43 average forecast fuel cost for 2002 provided in response to NP-43 with the \$28 per barrel referred to by DWO line 25, page 3.
 - (c) The \$28.43 average forecast fuel cost for 2002 provided in response to NP-43 with the \$28.38 in RJH Schedule VIII.
- NP-192 Further to NP-56, provide details of the \$2,731,000 decrease in depreciation expense from 2000 to 2001 (JCR, Schedule 1, Line 3) showing the calculation of depreciation expense for each year by class of property (e.g. distribution, transmission, general properties, etc.).
- NP-193 Further to NP-60, for the period 1995 to 1998, provide copies of any reports provided by Hydro to the Board reporting annual rates of depreciation applied to classes of property of Hydro as required by Section 68 of the *Public Utilities Act*.
- NP-194 Further to the Debt Guarantee Fee calculation provided in NP-77, reconcile:
- (a) the \$10.6 million Debt Guarantee Fee for the year 2000 stated on page 36 of the 2000 Annual Report with the \$11.1 million Debt Guarantee Fee for 2000 (based on 1999 debt) shown on NP-77; and
 - (b) the \$1,261,093,000 base amount of debt for 2001 provided in NP-77 with the \$1,225,076,000 amount for 2001 total debt provided in JCR, Schedule VIII.
- NP-195 Further to NP-82, provide details of the spread estimates on forecast long-term debt provided by “other members of the underwriting syndicate”. Identify the source of each estimate.
- NP-196 Further to NP-84(a) provide details of the CF(L)Co Share Purchased Debt (JCR, Schedule VIII). Include the original amount of the loan, the date issued, the terms of repayment and the interest rate.
- NP-197 Further to NP-127, provide details of specifically assigned amounts to Newfoundland Power and the Industrial customers (in the format provided in NP-127 but identifying each transmission line or terminal station separately).

- NP-198 Further to NP-131, does the 66 kV plant feeding 400L at the Bottom Brook Terminal Station, that has been proposed by Hydro to be treated as specifically assigned to Newfoundland Power, provide any benefit to customers other than Newfoundland Power?
- NP-199 Further to NP-134, would surplus earnings exist for the Wabush area if the Wabush cost of service methodology included estimates of overhead cost allocation, margin allocation, and rural deficit allocation (consistent with the Board's recommendations from the 1993 Report on Cost of Service)?
- NP-200 Further to NP-142 (d), provide the rationale for earning margin on the mid-year balances in RSP and CWIP.
- NP-201 Reconcile the \$322,300,000 2002 forecast revenue requirement (JCR, Schedule I) with the \$315,795,747 total revenue from rates (PRH, Table 2, page 9).
- NP-202 Further to the proposed changes in the RSP detailed in IC-120, provide a recalculated RSP report for December 2000 utilizing the method proposed. Also provide the detailed calculation of the RSP splits by Customer Plan and the detailed rate calculation using the method proposed in IC-120.
- NP-203 Provide an update of RJH, Schedule 3 reflecting June and July storage levels.
- NP-204 Further to distribution of inflows provided in IC-195, provide:
(a) the data used to determine the distribution of inflows in electronic form;
(b) the mean, mode and median of the 50 years of system energy inflow data.
- NP-205 Further to NP-72 (c);
(a) confirm the month in which the dividend is assumed to be paid;
(b) provide the details behind the \$1.7 million estimate;
(c) provide the estimated impact on 2003 revenue requirement.