## IN THE MATTER OF the <u>Public Utilities Act</u>, R.S.N. 1990, c. P-47 (the "Act")

AND IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate Application (the "Application") by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2003, for approvals under Section 70 of the Act, changes in the rates to be charged for the supply of power and energy to Newfoundland Power, rural customers, and industrial customers; and under Section 71 of the Act, changes in the rules and regulations applicable to the supply of electricity to rural customers

## SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

- 1. By Order-in-Council, made pursuant to Section 117 of the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N. 1990, c. P-47, Dennis Browne, Q.C., is appointed as Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of domestic and general service consumers for the purpose of hearings of the Public Utilities Board with regard to the Application of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of rates to be charged to Newfoundland Power, rural customers and industrial customers and changes in the rules and regulations applicable to the supply of electricity to rural customers.
- 2. The Consumer Advocate will represent the interests of domestic and general service consumers as directed by the aforesaid Order-in-Council.
- 3. The Consumer Advocate will call evidence in reference to this matter.
- 4. Expert witnesses will be retained to give evidence.
- 5. The Consumer Advocate wishes to be heard on all matters referred to in the Application of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro that may have an affect on domestic and general service consumers.

**<u>DATED AT</u>** St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this <u>25<sup>th</sup></u> day of June, 2003.

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