IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act, R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act") and

AND IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approvals of, 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 to the Rules and Regulations applicable to the supply of electricity to Rural Customers

## INTERVENOR'S SUBMISSION

TAKE NOTICE that North Atlantic Refining Limited, through its solicitors, Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales and Poole Althouse, hereby intervenes in its position as an Island Industrial Customer of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro which is affected by the rates charged by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

The Intervenor submits that the rate increase for Island Industrial Customers sought by the Applicant is not reasonable and should be rejected by the Board.

The Intervenor proposes to show in evidence that the rate increase for Island Industrial Customers sought by the Applicant is not reasonable, that Hydro does not

Function as an investor-owned utility, that the rate of return sought is not justified, that costs are not properly allocated, that the Rate Stabilization Plan is not appropriate in its present form and that the levels of equity proposed by Hydro are not justified.

The Intervenor believes that the rate increase for Island Industrial Customers sought by the Applicant should be rejected because it is not reasonable and has not been appropriately justified.

The Intervenor intends to participate by way of filing Information Requests, attendance at the hearing, cross-examination of witnesses, and by the offering of evidence including expert evidence.

The Intervenor proposes to call expert evidence in relation to the proposed Cost of Service, Rate Stabilization Plan and rate design through Cameron Osler of InterGroup Consultants Ltd. of Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Intervenor also proposes to call expert evidence on rate of return and capital structure.

The Intervenor wishes to pursue all issues identified in the Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference and to pursue all issues which impact the Island Industrial rates of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. The Intervenor will file evidence in support of its

positions in accordance with the schedule established at the Pre-hearing Conference.

Documents relating to this hearing can be served on the Intervenor in care of:

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