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

AND IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate Application (the "Application") by Newfoundland and Labrador NLH dated the 21st 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

CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INFORMATION REQUESTS

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CA-222 NLH With regard to the response to CA-213 NLH, why Hydro is not proposing any change to the lifeline block in this Application?

CA-223 NLH With regard to the response to CA-213 NLH, please provide a lifeline rate for Domestic Diesel Customers based on the following criteria: a two-block energy rate structure, with the first block covering consumption up to the levels shown in the report entitled *A Review of the Adequacy of the Lifeline Block on Diesel Electric Systems*, and the second block covering all consumption beyond the first block. The first block would be priced at the rate charged by Newfoundland Power to its Domestic Customers, and the second block would be priced at a level that would maintain

revenue neutrality; i.e., there would be no increase in the rural deficit. Please show customer impacts of the rate design described.

CA-224 NLH Further to the response to CA-215 NLH, show specifically how

Hydro derives the rates for each customer class who's rates are
tied to Newfoundland Power rates. Please complete the following
table, where forecast rates reflect the rates proposed in this
Application.

Rate Class	NP Rate –	NP Rate –	Hydro Rate	Hydro Rate –
	Current	Forecast	- Current	Forecast
Domestic Diesel				
-Basic Customer Charge				
-First Block				
-Second Block				
-Third Block				
Other classes with rates				
tied to NP rates				

DATED AT St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this <u>29th</u> day of August, 2003.

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