

**IN THE MATTER OF** the

*Public Utilities Act*, (R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “Act”))

**AND,**

**IN THE MATTER OF** a General Rate Application (the “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 in the Rules and Regulations applicable to the supply of electricity to its Rural Customers.

**INFORMATION REQUESTS**

**PUB 187 NLH**

According to the letter dated October 31, 2003 that accompanied the revised revenue requirement filed by Hydro, the revised information includes actual expenses to August 31, 2003, and the most recent forecast for relevant matters such as No.6 fuel price, load, interest rate and exchange rates.

Please provide a breakdown of the information included on Schedule II (2<sup>nd</sup> Revision-Oct. 31, 2003, Page 1 of 8), J.C Roberts, for the actuals as of August 31, 2003 in comparison to the original budget for the same period and the forecast for the remainder of 2003.

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Schedule II (2<sup>nd</sup> Revision-Oct.31, 2003), Page 8 of 8, J.C. Roberts

The purchase price per barrel of fuel for each month in the August filing is set at the price of \$29.20/bbl, the purchase price per barrel for each month in the October filing is set at different prices throughout the year. Why has Hydro changed its method of setting the purchase price per month for each barrel of fuel? What impact does this have on the revenue requirement?

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Schedule II (2<sup>nd</sup> Revision-Oct.31, 2003), Page 8 of 8, J.C. Roberts

In the table relating to the August filing, Hydro had forecast to purchase 275,000 barrels of No.6 fuel a month from September to December. The table relating to the October filing indicates a purchase of 275,000 barrels in September, no purchases in October, 275,000 barrels in November and 550,000 barrels in December. Why has Hydro forecast to double the shipment in December when the price is forecast at \$28.10 per barrel instead of purchasing 275,000 barrels in October or an additional 275,000 barrels in November when the price is forecast to be lower?

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Schedule XIII (2<sup>nd</sup> Revision-Oct.31, 2003), Page 8 of 8, J.C. Roberts

Note 3 indicates that the \$400,000 reduction in Corporate Group Benefits arises from the actual claims during 2003 to-date, should this experience to date have any impact on the forecast cost of group benefits for forecast 2004?

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Schedule V (2<sup>nd</sup> Revision – Oct. 31, 2003), J.C. Roberts

Please explain the change in “Promissory Notes” as at December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 from the August to October filing.

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Schedule V (2<sup>nd</sup> Revision – Oct. 31, 2003), J.C. Roberts

Please provide the details to support the “Unamortized Debt Discount and Issue Expenses” as at December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004 in the October filing.

**PUB 193 NLH**

Further to IC-238 NLH, please update the response to reflect the revised filing dated October 31, 2003.

**PUB 194 NLH**

Further to NP-101 NLH, please update the response to reflect the revised filing dated October 31, 2003

**PUB 195 NLH**

Further to NP-5 NLH, please update the response to reflect the revised filing dated October 31, 2003.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland this 6th day of November 2003.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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G. Cheryl Blundon  
Board Secretary