

1     Q.     Reference: Corporate Overview Evidence p. 23-24. The evidence states that  
2           Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro currently is discussing the issue of  
3           dividend payments from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to the Province  
4           with the Minister of Mines and Energy. Has a response to the  
5           correspondence attached as Schedule II to Mr. Well's evidence been  
6           received? If a response has been received, provide a copy of the complete  
7           response. If no response has been received to the correspondence attached  
8           as Schedule II of this Evidence, explain what steps Newfoundland and  
9           Labrador Hydro has taken or plans to take to resolve the issue.

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12    A.     Please see attached correspondence from the Minister of Mines and Energy.



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Department of Mines and Energy  
Office of the Minister

June 10, 2003

Mr. William Wells  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr. Wells:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 23, 2002, to my predecessor, the Honourable Lloyd Matthews, and as well your letter to me of March 25, 2003. Both these letters concern Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's dividend payments and the rural deficit issue.

Government is considering the information you provided, and will advise accordingly when decisions have been made.

Thank you for bringing these issues to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Walter Noel'.

Walter Noel  
Minister