

Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro

2003 General Rate Application

Towns of Labrador City and Wabush Responses to Hydro Information Requests

Request

NLH-260 LC

With reference to Appendix A, in what other jurisdiction has Mr. Drazen testified recommending that communities at the end of different radial lines from a central system should have different rates and separate cost of services? Please identify if any of these jurisdictions have implemented Mr. Drazen's recommendation.

Response

In an application by TransCanada Energy regarding the Wildhorse International Power Line, a load in Alberta was to be served by a transmission line connected to a source of power in North Dakota. The proponent, TransCanada Energy, requested exemption from the Alberta *Electric Utilities Act*, which granted an exclusive right to the distributor (TransAlta Utilities) to serve that load.

The Alberta utilities, Grid Company of Alberta (the Transmission Administrator), TransAlta Utilities and Alberta Power Limited, argued that this transmission line was electrically interconnected with the Alberta system, so that the standard, uniform rate in Alberta should be charged to serve that load. In Order U98075, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board found that the configuration of the line—and, therefore, the difference in electrical services—justified a different rate.