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Attn: Ms. Dwanda Newman, Legal Counsel

**Re: 2004 Newfoundland and Labrador
Capital Budget Application**

Dear Ms. Newman:

The response to the Reply of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power requested in your letter of May 21, 2003, has been forwarded to the attention of Cheryl Blundon.

Please accept this correspondence as the request on behalf of the Industrial Customers for the opportunity to make oral presentations at the hearing on the Capital Budget Application, whenever that is held.

As regards the Requests for Information, given the circumstances as outlined in our pending Application, the Industrial Customers request an extension of time to May 30, 2003, for the filing of Requests for Information in order that we may have meaningful input from our consultants in this regard. We will, of course, give due consideration to any request that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro or any other party may make for an extension of time to respond to the requests in light of our request in this regard.

We trust you find this to be in order.

Yours very truly,

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