

IN THE MATTER OF the
Public Utilities Act, (the “Act”)

AND,

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for
an Order approving: (1) its 2005 capital budget
pursuant to s.41(1) of the Act; (2) its 2005
capital purchases, and construction projects
in excess of \$50,000 pursuant to s.41(3) (a)
of the Act; (3) its leases in excess of
\$5,000 pursuant to s. 41(3) of the Act;
and (4) its estimated contributions
in aid of construction for 2005 pursuant to
s. 41(5) of the Act and for an Order pursuant to
s. 78 of the Act fixing and determining its average
rate base for 2003.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

[NB: RFIs PUB 7 – PUB 21 are addressed to NLH. RFI PUB 22 is addressed to NP.]

RE: P. B-137 Replace VHF Mobile Radio System \$2,914,800

PUB 7 NLH	Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 5. Has Hydro concluded an agreement with Industry Canada regarding sharing of the proposed VHF MRS with DTW and Newfoundland Power? If so, please provide a copy of the agreement.
PUB 8 NLH	Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 9. Has there been further progress in concluding a sharing agreement with DTW subsequent to release of the Summary of Findings document?
PUB 9 NLH	Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 15, Section 4.3 & 4.4. Has DTW agreed to the use of 50 repeater sites in the event that NP joins the NLH MRS?
PUB 10 NLH	Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 15, Section 4.3 & 4.4. Please explain how the capital and operating costs were derived.

- PUB 11 NLH** Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 5. What criteria were used to select the mobile radio system suppliers to receive the Mobile Radio System Request for Information?
- PUB 12 NLH** Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 5. Please provide a list of the mobile radio system suppliers that received the Mobile Radio System Request for Information.
- PUB 13 NLH** Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 5. How many suppliers responded to the Mobile Radio System Request for Information? Please provide copies of the responses and applicable clarifications.
- PUB 14 NLH** Ref: NLH Mobile Radio System Summary of Findings, p. 12. Please provide a copy of the NP proposal to build a mobile radio system for NLH, as discussed in Alternative 3.
- PUB 15 NLH** Has Hydro made a proposal to Newfoundland Power to include them in the proposed mobile radio system? If so, please provide a copy of the proposal.
- PUB 16 NLH** Ref: Mobile Radio System Request for Information Technical Specification, p.7, Section 3.3. Is it the intent of Hydro to have the proposed MRS maintained by an external provider? Please explain the maintenance policy for the system.
- PUB 17 NLH** Does Hydro intend to integrate the existing CF(L)Co MRS at Churchill Falls with the proposed Hydro MRS? Please describe the MRS technology used by the CF(L)Co system.
- PUB 18 NLH** Ref: Mobile Radio System Request for Information Technical Specification, p.5, Section 2.1. The minimum requirement of the proposed MRS is to be functionally equivalent to the present system(s), unless otherwise noted in the RFI. Data capability, roaming, and user validation are required features noted in the Summary of Findings and as future requirements in Attachment 2a, yet are not requested in the Technical Specification document. Please explain why these features are not part of the technical specifications.
- PUB 19 NLH** Ref: Mobile Radio System Request for Information Technical Specification. Does Hydro intend that the combined Hydro and NP system use a uniform mobile radio technology throughout?
- PUB 20 NLH** Ref: Mobile Radio System Request for Information Technical Specification, p.6, Section 2.2. Does the requirement of VoIP backhaul at NP sites preclude the use of MRS technology using T1 or fractional T1 backhaul?

PUB 21 NLH

Ref: Mobile Radio System Request for Information Technical Specification, p. 8, Section 5.0. In the event of a failure of the Aliant network, what would be the impact on the operation of the proposed MRS and line work in progress? Has Hydro considered alternate means of backhaul communication as a backup?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 21st day of September 2004.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Per *Original signed by* _____

G. Cheryl Blundon,
Director of Corporate Services and
Board Secretary.