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 2006 capital budget pursuant to s.41(1) of the *Act*; (2) its 2006 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 2006 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 2004.

INFORMATION REQUESTS

GENERATION

B-20, Replace Superheater – Unit No. 2, \$318,700

- PUB 42.NLH Please provide an explanation of "Contract Work".
- **PUB 43.NLH** What criteria, including the involvement of the collective bargaining process, does NLH use to determine whether or not all or a portion of a project should be contracted out?
- **PUB 44.NLH** What alternatives, including deferral, have been considered in determining the best solution to dealing with this unreliable piece of equipment?
- PUB 45.NLH How has NLH determined that the solution proposed is the last cost alternative?
- B-34, Modify Boiler Protection and Control, \$116,600
- **PUB 46.NLH** What alternatives, including deferral, have been considered in determining the best solution to dealing with this unreliable piece of equipment?
- PUB 47.NLH How has NLH determined that the solution proposed is the last cost alternative?

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- **PUB 49.NLH** How has NLH determined that the solution proposed is the last cost alternative?

<u>B-38, Replace Automatic Voltage Regulator, \$241,000</u>

- **PUB 50.NLH** What alternatives, including deferral, have been considered in determining the best solution to dealing with this unreliable piece of equipment?
- **PUB 51.NLH** How has NLH determined that the solution proposed is the last cost alternative?

TRANSMISSION & RURAL OPERATIONS

<u>B-39, Wood Pole Line Management, \$2,302,600</u>

PUB 52.NLH Although a general plan has been set out in Section H, Tab 2 of the Application for the inspection and treatment plan for years 2006 and beyond, no estimates have been included on Page B-39 for years subsequent to 2006. Please provide a general estimate for 2007, and a total for years 2008-2010.

B-47, Replace Data Collection and Monitoring System, \$56,000

PUB 53.NLH Where is the Hawke Hill Test site located?

B-65, Upgrade Distribution Feeders, \$2,017,400

PUB 54.NLH What are blackjack poles?

B-78, Construction of New Diesel Plant, St. Lewis, \$2,226,500

- **PUB 55.NLH** What is the size of the pre-engineered metal building to be constructed?
- **PUB 56.NLH** Please provide a breakdown of costs, detailing engineering, labour, materials, and any other relevant costs for the building, as well as engineering, labour, materials, and any other relevant costs for the installation of the two new generation units.

GENERAL PROPERTIES

B-114. Construct New Warehouse, Port Saunders, \$430,900

- **PUB 57.NLH** Please provide a listing of the options, including the leasing of space, that were investigated in determining a solution to the problem of inadequate space.
- **PUB 58.NLH** Please provide a breakdown of the costs involved, detailing engineering, labour, materials, and any other relevant costs for the building.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 26th day of September 2005.

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