**<u>IN THE MATTER OF</u>** the *Public Utilities Act* R.S.N 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act"); and

IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate Application (the "Application) by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of, under Section. 70 of the Act, changes in the rates to be charged for the supply of power and energy to Newfoundland Power, Rural Customers and Industrial Customers; and under Section 71 of the Act, changes in the Rules and Regulations applicable to the supply of electricity to Rural Customers.

# INTERVENORS' SUBMISSION OF THE ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

TAKE NOTICE that Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Grand Falls Division, Aur Resources Inc., Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, North Atlantic Refining Limited and Voisey's Bay Nickel Company Limited (the "Intervenors"), through their solicitors Stewart McKelvey and Poole Althouse, hereby intervene in their respective positions as actual or potential Island Industrial Customers of the Applicant Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (the "Applicant") which are affected by the rates charged by the Applicant.

# Interest of the Island Industrial Customers

 Each of the Island Industrial Customers, with the exception of Voisey's Bay Nickel Company Limited, presently own and operate on the Island of Newfoundland substantial industrial operations, each of which is a major consumer of power purchased from the Applicant. Voisey's Bay Nickel Company Limited has joined with the other Island Industrial Customers as an Intervenor by reason of its intended industrial operations in the Province and its anticipated significant future power demands.

#### **Disposition Sought by the Island Industrial Customers**

2. Given the very recent filing of the Application, and the various matters raised by the Application and to be addressed by Requests for Information and by other pre-hearing and hearing processes, the Island Industrial Customers do not yet have sufficient information, and have not yet had sufficient opportunity, to formulate particular dispositions with respect to the various approvals sought by the Applicant.

## **Facts and Reasons Supporting Intervention**

3. The Island Industrial Customers repeat the foregoing paragraph and state that there has not yet been sufficient opportunity for the Island Industrial Customers to submit what facts they intend to show in evidence or for what reasons the Board should dispose of the various approvals sought by the Application in a particular manner.

#### Participation of the Industrial Customers

- 4. The Industrial Customers propose to fully participate in the hearing of the Application and in the various procedures associated with the Application including without limitation:
  - (a) directing Requests for Information and other information requests to the Applicant as may be permitted by the Board;

- (b) participating in pre-hearing conferences, technical conferences and other prehearing and hearing processes associated with the Application;
- (c) cross-examination of witnesses appearing on behalf of the Applicant or of any other participant in the hearing;
- (d) calling witnesses, including expert witnesses, as is appropriate in the circumstances;
- (e) making representations, through counsel, to the Board concerning the disposition of the Application.

Documents relating to this hearing can be served on the Intervenors in care of:

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