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October 31, 2006

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador A1A 5B2

Attention: Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon,

Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

2006 General Rate Application

Please find enclosed Hydro's application seeking a delay to the commencement of the hearing into this matter which has been set down to commence tomorrow morning. Hydro's application seeks a delay to a later date so that the parties may have an opportunity to thoroughly consider the information and issues that have arisen. Hydro has been informed by counsel that all intervenor groups are consenting to this application.

Yours truly,

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Geoffrey P. Young Senior Legal Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Messrs. P. Alteen, G. Hayes and I. Kelly, Q.C. - Newfoundland Power Messrs. J. Hutchings, Q.C and P. Coxworthy. – Industrial Customers Mr. Thomas Johnson – Consumer Advocate

IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act, R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), and

IN THE MATTER OF of a General Rate Application (the "Application") by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approvals 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.

TO: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board")

APPLICATION REGARDING RESCHEDULING HEARING COMMENCEMENT

<u>THE APPLICATION</u> of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (the "Applicant") states that:

- 1. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act*, is a public utility within the meaning of the Act and is subject to the provisions of the *Electrical Power Control Act*, 1994.
- 2. Following a pre-hearing Conference held on September 6, 2006, by Order No. P.U. 28 (2006) the Board set the dates for, *inter alia*, the commencement of the hearing. The date set by the Board in that Order was October 3, 2006, which date was subsequently revised by the Board to November 1, 2006.
- 3. Hydro and the registered Intervenors have jointly determined that it is likely that the hearing processes would be carried out in a more efficient manner were the hearing commencement date to be delayed further so as to permit a thorough examination by the parties of the matters to come before the Board.

4. Hydro therefore requests that the commencement date be delayed further to a date to be set by the Board.

DATED AT St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 31st day of October 2006.

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AFFIDAVIT

- I, Glenn H. Mitchell, of the Town of Paradise, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, make oath and swear as follows:
 - 1. THAT I am employed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, the Applicant herein, in the capacity of Manager, Rates and Financial Planning, and as such I either have personal knowledge, of the matters and things to which I have herein deposed and I make this affidavit in support of the within Application.
 - 2. THAT I have read the contents of the Application and they are correct and true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SWORN TO BEFORE ME in the City of St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 315rd day of October 2006.

Glenn H. Mitchell