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October 13, 2006

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities P.O. Box 21040 120 Torbay Road St.John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention: G. Cheryl Blundon

Director of Corporate Services

and Board Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen:

## Re: 2006 Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro General Rate Application

Please find enclosed the original and ten copies of Newfoundland Power's Requests for Information in relation to the 2006 Hydro General Rate Application.

For convenience, the Requests for Information are provided on three-hole punched paper.

A copy of this letter, together with enclosures, has been forwarded directly to the parties listed below. An electronic copy in Adobe format will follow.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Peter Alteen Vice President, Regulatory Affairs & General Counsel

Encl.

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c. Gillian Butler, Q.C., & Geoffrey Young Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro

> Thomas Johnson O'Dea Earle Law Offices

Joseph Hutchings, Q.C. Poole Althouse

Paul Coxworthy Stewart McKelvey **IN THE MATTER OF** 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 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.

Requests for Information by Newfoundland Power Inc.

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## Requests for Information 2006 Hydro General Rate Application

- NP-135 NLH Provide a breakdown of deferred charges for the period 2002 to 2007F in the format as shown in Note 6 of Hydro's 2005 Annual Report. (IC-14 NLH)
- NP-136 NLH Has Hydro included the amount of the debt guarantee fee related to non-regulated debt in the 2007 revenue requirement? If so, provide (i) the amount of the debt guarantee fee related to non-regulated debt included in the 2007 revenue requirement and (ii) the justification for including costs associated with non-regulated capital in revenue requirement. (IC-116 NLH)
- NP-137 NLH What is DTW's contribution to the operating costs related to the VHF radio system to date in 2006? What are the operating costs related to the VHF radio system included in the 2007 test year revenue requirement? (NP-16 NLH)
- NP-138 NLH Assuming 40 employees retired in 2007 and all were replaced immediately, what would be the estimated operating cost savings from reduced salary and benefits arising from replacement of long-term employees with new employees? (NP-05 NLH)
- NP-139 NLH Provide the number of employees that have retired from Hydro by year for the period 2000 to 2005 and the corresponding number that have been replaced in each year. (NP-05 NLH)
- NP-140 NLH Provide the revised 2007 insurance costs reflecting the reduced premiums for boiler and machinery insurance and any other negotiated changes. (NP-5 NLH)
- NP-141 NLH Provide an explanation for the increase in training costs from \$554,000 to \$800,000 over the period 2005 to 2007. (NP-14 NLH)
- NP-142 NLH Provide an explanation of the increase in professional service fees over the period 2005 to 2007 for the following departments: (i) Rates and Financial Planning increase from \$621,845 to \$854,330 and (ii) Thermal Generation increase from \$583,294 to \$826,000. (NP-15 NLH)
- NP-143 NLH Does Hydro's decision to extend the turbine overhaul period from six to nine years apply to the Holyrood generating facility? (CA-122 NLH)
- NP-144 NLH On July 24, 2006 Hydro filed an application requesting approval to defer the expense associated with the repair of the Unit #2 boiler at the Holyrood Generating Station. Provide an explanation why the proposed accounting treatment of the Holyrood Unit #3 overhaul should differ from that proposed for the Holyrood Unit #2 boiler? (IC-138 NLH)
- NP-145 NLH Provide the curves describing Total System Energy Storage to reflect the most current available data. (Regulated Activities Evidence)