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**Attention:**       **Geoffrey P. Young**  
                          **Senior Legal Counsel**

Dear Sir:

**RE:     Application for approval of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's  
          2006 General Rate Application**

Attached are Information Requests (RFI's) PUB 23.0 NLH to PUB 31.0 NLH regarding the above noted application.

As the attached RFI's are in relation to the agreements of the parties the answers should either be signed by all of the parties or be filed with commentary from each of the parties in relation to all the issues raised in the RFI's.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Doreen Dray at 726-3037 or at [ddray@pub.nf.ca](mailto:ddray@pub.nf.ca)

Yours truly,

G. Cheryl Blundon  
Director of Corporate Services  
and Board Secretary

Attachment

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power*  
2 *Control Act*, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1  
3 (the “*EPCA*”) and the matter of the *Public*  
4 *Utilities Act* RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47  
5 (the “*Act*”);  
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7 **AND**  
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9 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
10 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval  
11 of, *inter alia*, rates to be charged its customers  
12 (the “*Application*”).  
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## 15 **INFORMATION REQUESTS**

### 16 **Natuashish** 17 **PUB 23 NLH** 18 19

20 The agreement says “The parties consent to Hydro deferring the recovery of any costs incurred  
21 by Hydro in providing service to Natuashish until the matter is dealt with by the Board on a  
22 subsequent application by Hydro.” Is it intended that it is agreed that the amount is to be  
23 recovered by Hydro with the manner of disposition to be addressed later or that the  
24 determination of whether there should be recovery is also to be determined by the Board later?  
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### 27 **Capital budget reduction** 28 **PUB 24 NLH** 29

30 Please explain the operation of the 5% reduction in the capital budget for each of 2006 and 2007  
31 setting out for each year what amount is being reduced and how supplemental projects and  
32 variances will be affected. The explanation should also address overall impacts of this reduction  
33 including what the impacts are on actual capital spending, rate base, depreciation, financing and  
34 reporting.  
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### 36 **Severability** 37 **PUB 25 NLH** 38

39 Would the agreements fail if the Board determines that they should be read to require that: a) the  
40 framework and process for the negotiations, reviews, technical conferences and other procedures  
41 contemplated in the agreements must first be approved by the Board; and b) these procedures  
42 may involve the participation of the Board, at its discretion?  
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**Rate and other Impacts of the Settlement**

**PUB 26 NLH**

Please set out in detail indicating the corrections and updates the effect on the test year revenue requirement and the effect on the forecast return on rate base for the test year that can be attributed directly to the updating of forecasts and the correction of errors.

**PUB 27 NLH**

Please set out in detail indicating the corrections and updates the effect on the test year revenue requirement and the effect on the forecast return on rate base for the test year that can be attributed directly to reasons other than the updating of forecasts and the correction of errors.

**PUB 28 NLH**

Please set out in detail the average effect on rates for the test year for each rate group that can be attributed directly to the updating of forecasts and the correction of errors.

**PUB 29 NLH**

Please set out in detail the average effect on rates for the test year for each rate group that can be attributed to reasons other than the updating of forecasts and the correction of errors.

**PUB 30 NLH**

Assuming that there will be no General Rate Application in the period from 2008 to 2011, please provide a table summarizing the average percentage rate changes in base rates that are expected to occur for each rate group and class within each group for that period.

**PUB 31 NLH**

What parameters were used as guidelines in setting rates for the Labrador Interconnected System for 2008-2011?

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland this 22nd day of December 2006.

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Per



G. Cheryl Blundon  
Board Secretary