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The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador A1A 5B2

Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon

**Director Corporate Services & Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland Power – 2016 Capital Budget Application

Please find enclosed the original plus 12 copies of Hydro's Notice of Intervention with regard to Newfoundland Power's 2016 Capital Budget Application.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO** 

Geoffrey P. Young

Senior Legal Counsel

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cc:

Gerard Hayes – Newfoundland Power

Thomas Johnson, Q.C.- Consumer Advocate

IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act, (the "Act"); and

\$964,930,000.

IN THE MATTER OF capital expenditures and rate base of Newfoundland Power Inc.; and IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland Power Inc. for an order pursuant to Sections 41 and 78 of the Act:

(a) approving a 2016 Capital Budget of \$107,028,000;

(b) approving certain capital expenditures related to multi-year projects commencing in 2016; and

(c) fixing and determining a 2014 rate base of

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

# INTERVENOR'S SUBMISSION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

1. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a statutory body corporate and a public utility as defined by the Act and is regulated as such by the Board.

## **Hydro's Interest in the Matter**

- Newfoundland Power is Hydro's largest customer. The energy that Newfoundland Power purchases from Hydro constitutes approximately 65% of the energy that is generated or purchased and transmitted by Hydro for consumption within the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- 3. All of Hydro's Rural Customers served from the Island Interconnected Grid, and its customers in the Labrador Straits area, pay the same rates as the Board approves for Newfoundland Power's customers. As well, for their "lifeline" consumption, Hydro's non-government customers served from its isolated diesel systems are also charged the same rates as those charged by Newfoundland Power.

- 4. Hydro is a customer of Newfoundland Power at several of its locations throughout the Island of Newfoundland including its head office in St. John's.
- 5. For all of the above reasons, Hydro submits that it has an interest in the capital budget and rate base application filed by Newfoundland Power to ensure that the capital budget and rate base are just and reasonable and in accordance with the principles set out in the Act.

# **Disposition Advocated by Hydro**

6. As of the date of this submission, Hydro is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the application and therefore has not had an opportunity to determine the disposition of the application that it may be advocating.

## Facts and Reasons to be Proposed

7. As of the date of this submission, Hydro is in the process of reviewing and analyzing the application and therefore has not had an opportunity to make decisions as to whether it will be providing evidence or as to which arguments it may make in support of any position it may advocate before the Board.

#### Hydro's Participation in the Hearing

- 8. Hydro has not, to date, had an opportunity to determine the scope of its intervention, its intervention may include any or all of the following activities:
  - (a) directing Information Requests to Newfoundland Power and other parties as may be permitted by the Board;
  - (b) cross-examining witnesses who testify in this matter; and
  - (c) making legal arguments and other representations to the Board.

**DATED** at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro this 15th day of July, 2015.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

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