July 14, 2016

NL Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Suite E210, Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road St. John's, NL

## **RE: NL Power Application for Refund of RSP Balance**

Dear Commissioners;

Please accept this letter requesting the Board to reject the Application by NL Power to refund the balance of the Rate Stabilization Fund to Island ratepayers. I make this request because the Application plan includes taking \$3.5 million of this balance to administer the refund and I believe this should be disallowed.

Using \$3.5 million of our money to refund our money is wrong for the following reasons:

- The infrastructure exists in the Utilities to identify the ratepayers affected and credits can be applied to our accounts or cheques issued as they wound any payable.
- The infrastructure exists to respond to customers and identify if they are owed money or not, just as the Utilities responded to some 250,000 customers during DarkNL.
- If there is any extra cost incurred in this exercise, the utilities should foot the bill as good corporate citizens because of the crisis that ratepayers incurred with DarkNL and other blackouts since 2013.

Furthermore, I request that you couple your rejection of this Application with an Order of the Board that this balance be paid out within the next 100 days so that ratepayers will have certainty about receiving their money.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important matter.

Sincerely,

Danny Dumaresque

Ratepayer