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Dear Mr. Browne:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2017 General Rate Application  
Requests for Information**

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-CA-001 to PUB-CA-006 regarding the above- noted application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, [jglynn@pub.nl.ca](mailto:jglynn@pub.nl.ca) or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

  
Cheryl Blundon  
Board Secretary

Enclosure

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF**  
2 the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*,  
3 SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “*EPCA*”)  
4 and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,  
5 Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended; and  
6  
7 **IN THE MATTER OF** a General Rate  
8 Application by Newfoundland and Labrador  
9 Hydro to establish customer electricity rates  
10 for 2018 and 2019.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD  
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUB-CA-001 to PUB-CA-006**

**Issued: December 11, 2017**

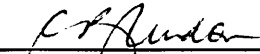
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1 **Expert Report - C. Douglas Bowman**  
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- 3 **PUB-CA-001** Page 5, lines 10-12. Please explain further Mr. Bowman's position, including  
4 whether he is recommending that Hydro withdraw its 2017 general rate  
5 application at this time and how does he recommend that the Board address the  
6 current application given his opinion that it "might be better to divert time from  
7 this Application to the numerous other regulatory filings that Hydro has on its  
8 plate".  
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- 10 **PUB-CA-002** Page 9, lines 11-14. What approaches to rate mitigation should be considered  
11 in Mr. Bowman's opinion, other than Hydro's proposed Off-Island Purchases  
12 Deferral Account and a fixed rate rider as in Manitoba?  
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- 14 **PUB-CA-003** Page 9, lines 11-17. Please list the details on the proposed Off-Island Purchases  
15 Deferral Account that in Mr. Bowman's opinion are necessary for Hydro to  
16 provide before the Account can be appropriately considered in the settlement  
17 discussions and before the Board renders a decision.  
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- 19 **PUB-CA-004** Page 13, line 12 to page 15, line 5. Please clarify Mr. Bowman's position on  
20 Hydro's proposed change in methodology with respect to specifically assigned  
21 costs, including whether he disagrees with the proposed change in principle or  
22 whether he is of the opinion that it should not be considered at this time in  
23 advance of the cost of service hearing to be held in 2018.  
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- 25 **PUB-CA-005** Page 17, line 9 to page 18, line 17. Mr. Bowman has made recommendations  
26 on actions that the Board should direct Hydro to take which involves the filing  
27 of new information and new proposals by Hydro. Please provide the timeline  
28 by which this additional information should in Mr. Bowman's opinion be made  
29 available to the parties and describe the regulatory process Mr. Bowman would  
30 recommend to address the new information, including the consequences for  
31 Hydro's current application.  
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- 33 **PUB-CA-006** Page 18, line 18 to page 19, line 2. Mr. Bowman recommends that settlement  
34 discussions which are scheduled to commence on January 10, 2018 proceed.  
35 What in Mr. Bowman's opinion would be the scope of these discussions given  
36 the many gaps on the record that he has identified? Include in the response  
37 whether the information he has identified that Hydro should be directed to  
38 provide is necessary to be available for settlement discussions.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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Per   
Cheryl Blundon  
Board Secretary