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## Via Electronic Mail & Courier

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

Attention:

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon

**Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re:

2018 Hydro Cost of Service and Rate Design Review Application (the "Application")

Requests for Information - IC-CA-001 to IC-CA-005 & IC-NP-001 to IC-NP-005

Please find enclosed one original and thirteen (13) copies of the Requests for Information of the Island Industrial Customers Group in relation to the above noted Application.

We trust you find the foregoing satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

POOLE ALTHOUSE

Dean A. Porter

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**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act");

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for approval of revisions to its Cost of Service Methodology pursuant to Section 3 of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "Cost of Service Methodology Application") for use in the determination of test year class revenue requirements reflecting the inclusion of the Muskrat Falls Project costs upon full commissioning.

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1 2 3		REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OF THE ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS GROUP IC-CA-001 to IC-CA-005
4		Hydro's COS Methodology Review Application
5		Pre-filed Testimony filed by Doug Bowman (Consumer Advocate)
6 7 8	IC-CA-001	In Mr. Bowman's view, should COS methods consider how the utility's system is operated, in addition to how the system is planned?
9 10 11 12 13	IC-CA-002	With reference to page 15 lines 21 through page 16 line 5 of the Pre-Filed Evidence of C. Douglas Bowman (August 5, 2019), in Mr. Bowman's view would it be reasonable to consider functionalizing the LTA to transmission if it is transferring power in both directions?
14 15 16 17 18	IC-CA-003	Please discuss, in Mr. Bowman's view, whether functionalizing generation leads to transmission and then classifying them using the same ratios as the associated generation would be expected to yield similar COS results as functionalizing them as generation. Why or why not?
19 20 21 22 23	IC-CA-004	With reference to lines 7 through 17 on page 22 of the Pre-Filed Evidence of C. Douglas Bowman (August 5, 2019), can Mr. Bowman provide references to other utilities who use similar indexing approaches in calculations for the equivalent peaker method?

1 IC-CA-005 2 3 4 5 6 With reference to lines 14 through 20 of page 19 of the Pre-Filed Evidence of C. Douglas Bowman (August 5, 2019) what approach, if any, does Mr. Bowman suggest for addressing the issues related to cost uncertainty for the costing of peaker units as discussed at lines 16 on page 34 through line 2 on page 35 of the Brattle Group report?

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this \_\_/\_\_\_ day of August, 2019.

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