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Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities  
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**Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon**  
**Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Blundon:

**Re: Application Regarding Changes to Customer Rates Effective March 1, 2019**

Enclosed with this letter please find one original and eight copies of the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") application regarding changes to Customer Rates effective March 1, 2019.

The Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations applicable to Hydro Rural Customers, Section 16 Policies for Automatic Rate Changes, requires Hydro to automatically adjust its rates as Newfoundland Power changes its rates.

On June 1, 2018, Newfoundland Power filed an application with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities proposing changes to the rates Newfoundland Power uses to bill its customers. Newfoundland Power's application was approved in Board Order No. P.U. 2(2019) issued on January 24, 2019. Hydro automatically adjusted its rates to match Newfoundland Power's rates as set out in Section 16 of the Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations applicable to Hydro Rural Customers; however, through inadvertent omission, Hydro did not file its application for approval of this automatic adjustment. Hydro apologizes for this oversight.

Schedule 1 to this Application provides the proposed Rates, Rules and Regulations for the affected Hydro Rural Customers effective March 1, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

Michael S. Ladha  
Legal Counsel & Assistant Corporate Secretary  
MSL/sk

cc: Gerard Hayes, Newfoundland Power

Dennis Browne, Q.C., Browne Fitzgerald Morgan & Avis





# **Application Regarding Changes to Customer Rates Effective March 1, 2019**

**April 26, 2019**



**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power Control Act*, RSNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “EPCA”) and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “Act”) and regulations thereunder;

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) pursuant to subsection 70(1) and section 71 of the *Act* for the approval of a change in the rates charged for the supply of power and energy to Hydro Rural customers as a result of a change in Newfoundland Power customer rates.

**To: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the “Board”)**

**The Application Regarding Changes to Customer Rates Effective March 1, 2019 of**

**Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro states that:**

**A. Background**

1. Hydro is a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*.
2. Under the *Act*, the Board has the general supervision of public utilities and requires that a public utility submit for the approval of the Board the rates, tolls, and charges for the service provided by the public utility and the rules and regulations which relate to that service.

3. Section 70(1) of the *Act* provides that a public utility shall not charge, demand, collect, or receive compensation for a service performed by it until the Board has approved a schedule of rates, tolls, and charges for the services provided by the public utility.
4. On June 1, 2018, Newfoundland Power filed an application with the Board proposing, among other things, changes to the rates Newfoundland Power uses to bill its customers; the resultant schedule of Newfoundland Power rates; and a revised Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations to give effect to other orders of the Board.
5. In accordance with the Policies for Automatic Rate Changes approved in Order No. P.U. 14(2007), approval by the Board of the revised Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations for the customers of Newfoundland Power will require changes in Hydro's Rural Rates in accordance with the Policies for Automatic Rate Changes in Hydro's Rates, Rules and Regulations (Section 16).
6. Section 16 of Hydro's Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations applicable to Hydro Rural Customers, states that:

**POLICIES FOR AUTOMATIC RATE CHANGES**

- (a) Island Interconnected System:
  - (i) As Newfoundland Power changes its rates, Hydro will automatically adjust all rates such that these

customers pay the same rates as Newfoundland Power customers.

(b) L'Anse au Loup System:

(i) As Newfoundland Power changes its rates, Hydro will automatically adjust all rates such that these customers pay the same rates as Newfoundland Power customers.

(c) Isolated Systems:

(iii) As Newfoundland Power changes its rates, Hydro will automatically adjust Rural Isolated street and area lighting rates, excluding those for Government departments, such that these rates are the same as charged Newfoundland Power customers.

## **B. Application**

7. Hydro proposes to implement new rates, as provided in Schedule 1, to become effective on or after March 1, 2019 for Hydro's Island Interconnected Customers Rate Classes 2.1 and 4.1 and Isolated Rural Customers Rate Class 4.1D. The changes to Rate Class 2.1 are the basic customer charge and minimum monthly charges. The changes to Rate Classes 4.1 and 4.1D reflect the Light Emitting Diode service option. For completeness, the full schedule of rates, tolls and charges for Hydro's Island Interconnected Customers and Isolated Rural Customers are included in Schedule 1.
8. The proposed rates are in accordance with the Policies for Automatic Rate Changes in Hydro's Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations provided in Section 16.


**C. Application Request**

9. Therefore, Hydro requests that the Board approve, pursuant to Sections 70(1) and 71 of the *Act*, the Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations as set out in Schedule 1 of this Application to become effective on or after March 1, 2019.

**D. Communications**

10. Communication with respect to the Application should be forwarded to the attention of Shirley A. Walsh, Senior Legal Counsel, Regulatory to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

**DATED AT** St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.



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# Schedule 1

Proposed Rates for Hydro Rural Customers  
effective March 1, 2019



**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 1.1**

**DOMESTIC**

**Availability:**

For Service on the Island Interconnected System and the L'Anse au Loup system to a Domestic Unit or to buildings or facilities which are on the same Served Premises as a Domestic Unit and used by the same Customer exclusively for domestic or household purposes, whether such buildings or facilities are included on the same meter as the Domestic Unit or metered separately.

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

Basic Customer Charge:

Not Exceeding 200 Amp Service ..... \$16.01 per month  
Exceeding 200 Amp Service ..... \$21.01 per month

Energy Charge:

All kilowatt-hours ..... @ 11.391 ¢ per kWh

Minimum Monthly Charge:

Not Exceeding 200 Amp Service ..... \$16.01 per month  
Exceeding 200 Amp Service ..... \$21.01 per month

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 1.1S**

**DOMESTIC - OPTIONAL**

**Availability:**

Available upon request for Service on the Island Interconnected system and the L'Anse au Loup system to Customers served under Rate No. 1.1 Domestic Service who have a minimum of 12 months of uninterrupted billing history at their current Serviced Premises.

**Rate:**

The Energy Charges provided for in Rate 1.1 Domestic Service Rate shall apply, subject to the following adjustments:

Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of December through April):

All kilowatt-hours ..... @ 0.953 ¢ per kWh

Non-Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of May through November):

All kilowatt-hours .....@ (1.297) ¢ per kWh

**Special Conditions:**

1. An application for Service under this rate option shall constitute a binding contract between the Customer and the Company with an initial term of 12 months commencing the day after the first meter reading date following the request by the customer, and renewing automatically on the anniversary date thereof for successive 12-month terms.
2. To terminate participation on this rate option on the renewal date, the Customer must notify the Company either in advance of the renewal date or no later than 60 days after the anniversary/renewal date. When acceptable notice of termination is provided to the Company, the Customer's billing may require an adjustment to reverse any seasonal adjustments applied to charges for consumption after the automatic renewal date.

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 1.3**

**BURGEO SCHOOL AND LIBRARY**

**Availability:**

For Service to Burgeo School and Library.

**Rate:**

Energy Charge:

All kilowatt-hours ..... @ 5.572 ¢ per kWh

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill, but not less than \$1.00, will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

**This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 2.1**

**GENERAL SERVICE 0 - 100 kW (110 kVA)**

**Availability<sup>1</sup>:**

For Service (excluding Domestic Service) on the Island Interconnected system and the L'Anse au Loup system where the maximum demand occurring in the 12 months ending with the current month is less than 100 kilowatts (110 kilovolt-amperes).

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

**Basic Customer Charge:**

Unmetered.....	\$12.18 per month
Single Phase .....	\$20.18 per month
Three Phase.....	\$32.18 per month

**Demand Charge:**

\$9.36 per kW of billing demand in the months of December, January, February and March and \$6.86 per kW in all other months. The billing demand shall be the maximum demand registered on the meter in the current month in excess of 10 kW.

**Energy Charge:**

First 3,500 kilowatt-hours .....	@ 11.283 ¢ per kWh
All excess kilowatt-hours.....	@ 8.449 ¢ per kWh

**Maximum Monthly Charge:**

The Maximum Monthly Charge shall be 19.696 cents per kWh plus the Basic Customer Charge, but not less than Minimum Monthly Charge. The Maximum Monthly Charge shall not apply to Customers who avail of the Net Metering Service Option.

**Minimum Monthly Charge:**

Unmetered .....	\$12.18 per month
Single Phase: .....	\$20.18 per month
Three Phase: .....	\$32.18 per month

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding metering [in particular Regulation 7 (n)], transformation [in particular Regulation 9(k)], and other conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations.

**This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

<sup>1</sup> This rate is also available to fish plants in Isolated Rural Systems with a connected load of 30 kW or greater that meet the demand requirements of the rate.

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 2.3**

**GENERAL SERVICE 110 kVA (100 kW) - 1000 kVA**

**Availability<sup>1</sup>:**

For Service on the Island Interconnected system and the L'Anse au Loup system where the maximum demand occurring in the 12 months ending with the current month is 110 kilovolt-amperes (100 kilowatts) or greater but less than 1000 kilovolt-amperes.

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

Basic Customer Charge: ..... \$49.49 per month

**Demand Charge:**

\$7.89 per kVA of billing demand in the months of December, January, February and March and \$5.39 per kVA in all other months. The billing demand shall be the maximum demand registered on the meter in the current month.

**Energy Charge:**

First 150 kilowatt-hours per kVA of billing demand,

up to a maximum of 50,000 kilowatt-hours..... @ 9.610¢ per kWh

All excess kilowatt-hours ..... @ 7.729¢ per kWh

**Maximum Monthly Charge:**

The Maximum Monthly Charge shall be 19.696 cents per kWh plus the Basic Customer Charge.

The Maximum Monthly Charge shall not apply to Customers who avail of the Net Metering Service Option.

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding metering [in particular Regulation 7 (n)], transformation [in particular Regulation 9(k)], and other conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations.

**This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

<sup>1</sup> This rate is also available to fish plants in Isolated Rural Systems with a connected load of 30 kW or greater that meet the demand requirements of the rate.

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 2.4**

**GENERAL SERVICE 1000 kVA AND OVER**

**Availability<sup>1</sup>:**

For Service on the Island Interconnected system and the L'Anse au Loup system where the maximum demand occurring in the 12 month period ending with the current month is 1000 kilovolt-amperes or greater.

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

Basic Customer Charge: ..... \$86.23 per month

**Billing Demand Charge:**

\$7.59 per kVA of billing demand in the months of December, January, February and March and \$5.09 per kVA in all other months. The billing demand shall be the maximum demand registered on the meter in the current month.

**Energy Charge:**

First 75,000 kilowatt-hours ..... @ 9.265 ¢ per kWh  
All excess kilowatt-hours..... @ 7.654 ¢ per kWh

**Maximum Monthly Charge:**

The Maximum Monthly Charge shall be 19.696 cents per kWh plus the Basic Customer Charge. The Maximum Monthly Charge shall not apply to Customers who avail of the Net Metering Service Option.

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding metering [in particular Regulation 7 (n)], transformation [in particular Regulation 9(k)], and other conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

<sup>1</sup> This rate is also available to fish plants in Isolated Rural Systems with a connected load of 30 kW or greater that meet the demand requirements of the rate.



**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 4.1**

**STREET AND AREA LIGHTING SERVICE**

**Availability:**

For Street and Area Lighting Service in the Rural Island Interconnected area and the L'Anse au Loup system, where the electricity is supplied by Hydro and all fixtures, wiring and controls are provided, owned and maintained by Hydro.

**Monthly Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustment)

<b>Mercury Vapour</b> 250W (9,400 lumens)	<b>Sentinel / Standard</b> \$21.53
<b>High Pressure Sodium<sup>1</sup></b> 100W (8,600 lumens) 150W (14,400 lumens) 250W (23,200 lumens) 400W (45,000 lumens)	 \$17.46 21.53 29.93 41.06
<b>Light Emitting Diode</b> LED 100 LED 150 LED 250 LED 400	 \$15.77 17.25 22.12 25.10

<sup>1</sup> For all new installation and replacements.

**Special poles used exclusively for lighting service**

Wood..... \$6.28

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations.  
**This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 1.2D**

**DOMESTIC DIESEL**

**Availability:**

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments) for service to a domestic unit or to buildings or facilities which are on the same Serviced premises as a Domestic Unit and used by the same Customer exclusively for domestic or household purposes, whether such buildings or facilities are included on the same meter as the Domestic Unit or metered separately. All churches, schools, and community halls in the diesel service areas are also subject to this rate.

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

Basic Customer Charge: ..... \$16.01 per month  
Exceeding 200 Amp Service: ..... \$21.01 per month

Energy Charge:

*First Block (See Table Below)* kilowatt-hours per month ..... @ 11.391 ¢ per kWh  
*Second Block (See Table Below)* kilowatt-hours per month..... @ 12.838 ¢ per kWh  
All kWh over 1000 kilowatt-hours per month ..... @ 17.408 ¢ per kWh

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<i>First Block</i>	1000	1000	900	900	800	800	700	700	700	800	900	1000
<i>Second Block</i>	0	0	100	100	200	200	300	300	300	200	100	0

Minimum Monthly Charge..... \$16.01  
Exceeding 200 Amp Service: ..... \$21.01

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 1.2DS**

**DOMESTIC DIESEL (Non-Government First Block) - OPTIONAL**

**Availability:**

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments), available upon request for Service to Customers served under Rate 1.2 Domestic Diesel Service (First Block consumption only) who have a minimum of 12 months of uninterrupted billing history at their current Serviced Premises.

**Rate:**

The Energy Charges provided for in Rate No. 1.2D Domestic Diesel Service Rate shall apply, subject to the following adjustments:

Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of December through April):

First Block Only

All kilowatt-hours ..... @ 0.953 ¢ per kWh

Non-Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of May through November):

First Block Only

All kilowatt-hours ..... @ (1.297) ¢ per kWh

**Special Conditions:**

1. An application for Service under this rate option shall constitute a binding contract between the Customer and the Company with an initial term of 12 months commencing the day after the first meter reading date following the request by the customer, and renewing automatically on the anniversary date thereof for successive 12-month terms.
2. To terminate participation on this rate option on the renewal date, the Customer must notify the Company either in advance of the renewal date or no later than 60 days after the anniversary/renewal date. When acceptable notice of termination is provided to the Company, the Customer's billing may require an adjustment to reverse any seasonal adjustments applied to charges for consumption after the automatic renewal date.

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 2.1D**

**GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL 0-10 kW**

**Availability:**

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments) for non-domestic services where the maximum demand occurring in the 12 months ending with the current month is less than 10 kilowatts.

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

**Basic Customer Charge**

Unmetered: .....	\$17.21 per month
Single Phase:.....	\$21.21 per month
Three Phase:.....	\$27.21 per month
Energy Charge:	
All kilowatt-hours .....	@ 17.250 ¢ per kWh
Minimum Monthly Charge: Unmetered .....	\$17.21
Single Phase.....	\$21.21
Three Phase .....	\$37.11

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 2.2D**

**GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL OVER 10 kW**

**Availability:**

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments) for non-domestic services where the maximum demand occurring in the 12 months ending with the current month is 10 kilowatts or greater.

**Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

**Basic Customer Charge:**

Unmetered: ..... \$27.19 per month  
Single Phase: ..... \$31.19 per month  
Three Phase: ..... \$37.19 per month

**Demand Charge:**

The maximum demand registered on the meter in the current month..... @ \$13.22 per kW

**Energy Charge:**

All kilowatt-hours..... @ 16.790 ¢ per kWh

Minimum Monthly Charge: Unmetered ..... \$27.19  
Single Phase..... \$31.19  
Three Phase ..... \$64.89

**Discount:**

A discount of 1.5% of the amount of the current month's bill will be allowed if the bill is paid within 10 days after it is issued.

**General:**

Details regarding metering [in particular Regulation 7 (n)], transformation [in particular Regulation 9(k)], and other conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations. **This rate does not include the Harmonized Sales tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

**RATE No. 4.1D**

**STREET AND AREA LIGHTING SERVICE DIESEL**

**Availability:**

For Street and Area Lighting Service (excluding Government Departments) throughout the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro, where the electricity is supplied by Hydro and all fixtures, wiring and controls are provided, owned and maintained by Hydro.

**Monthly Rate:** (Including Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustment)

<b>Mercury Vapour</b> 250W (9,400 lumens)	<b>Sentinel / Standard</b> \$21.53
<b>High Pressure Sodium<sup>1</sup></b> 100W (8,600 lumens) 150W (14,400 lumens) 250W (23,200 lumens) 400W (45,000 lumens)	 \$17.46 21.53 29.93 41.06
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**Special poles used exclusively for lighting service**

Wood..... \$6.28

**General:**

Details regarding conditions of service are provided in the Rules and Regulations.  
**This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**



# Affidavit





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

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") pursuant to subsection 70(1) and section 71 of the *Act* for the approval of a change in the rates charged for the supply of power and energy to Hydro Rural customers as a result of a change in Newfoundland Power customer rates.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Grant M. Outerbridge, of St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am the Team Lead, Rates & Regulatory for Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, the Applicant named in the attached Application.
2. I have read and understand the foregoing Application.
3. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained therein, except where otherwise indicated, and they are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

**SWORN** at St. John's in the )  
Province of Newfoundland and )  
Labrador )  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019, )  
before me: )

  
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Barrister, Newfoundland and Labrador

  
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Grant M. Outerbridge, CPA, CA