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

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for an Order approving (1) its 2009 Capital Budget pursuant to s. 41(1) of the Act; (2) its 2009 Capital Purchases, and Construction Projects in excess of \$50,000.00 pursuant to s.41(3)(a) of the Act; (3) its Leases in excess of \$5,000.00 pursuant to s.41(3)(b) of the Act; and (4) its estimated contributions in aid of construction for 2009 pursuant to s.41(s)(5) of the Act and for an Order pursuant to s. 78 of the Act fixing and determining its average rate base for 2007

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE OF THE ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

TAKE NOTICE that Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, North Atlantic Refining Limited, Teck Cominco Limited, and Vale Inco Newfoundland & Labrador Limited (the "Island Industrial Customers"), through their solicitors Stewart McKelvey and Poole Althouse, hereby give notice of their intention to participate in the within Application, in their respective positions as actual or potential Island Industrial Customers of the Applicant Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (the "Applicant") which are affected by the rates charged by the Applicant.

#### Interest of the Island Industrial Customers

1. Each of the Island Industrial Customers, with the exception of Vale Inco Newfoundland & Labrador Limited, presently own and operate on the Island of Newfoundland substantial industrial operations, each of which is a major consumer of power purchased from the Applicant. Vale Inco Newfoundland & Labrador Limited has joined with the

other Island Industrial Customers as an Intervenor by reason of its intended industrial operations in the Province and its anticipated significant future power demands.

#### **Disposition Sought by the Island Industrial Customers**

2. Given the very recent filing of the Application, and the various matters raised by the Application and to be addressed by Requests for Information and by other pre-hearing and hearing processes, the Island Industrial Customers do not yet have sufficient information, and have not yet had sufficient opportunity, to formulate particular dispositions with respect to the various approvals sought by the Applicant.

### Facts and Reasons Supporting Intervention

3. The Island Industrial Customers repeat the foregoing paragraph and state that there has not yet been sufficient opportunity for the Island Industrial Customers to submit what facts they intend to show in evidence or for what reasons the Board should dispose of the various approvals sought by the Application in a particular manner.

## Participation of the Industrial Customers

- 4. The Island Industrial Customers intend to participate in the various procedures associated with the Application including without limitation:
  - (a) directing Requests for Information and other information requests to the Applicant as may be permitted by the Board;
  - (b) participating in technical conferences, pre-hearing conferences, and other processes associated with the Application;

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(c) cross-examination of witnesses appearing on behalf of the Applicant or of any

other participant in any hearing on the Application, as may be appropriate in the

circumstances of any hearing on the Application that may be ordered by the

Board;

(d) calling witnesses, including expert witnesses, as may be appropriate in the

circumstances of any hearing on the Application that may be ordered by the

Board;

(e) making representations and submissions, through counsel, to the Board

concerning the disposition of the Application.

Documents relating to this hearing can be served on the Island Industrial Customers in care of:

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**DATED** at St. John's, this 2nd day of September, 2008.

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