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**Dear Mr. Seviour:**

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's application for approval of the Rate Stabilization Plan components of the rates to be charged to Industrial Customers**

Industrial Customer rates were last set in Order No. P.U. 8(2007), effective for consumption on and after January 1, 2007. Since then, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board") issued Order No.'s P.U. 34(2007), P.U. 37(2008) and P.U.6 (2009) approving among other things, the continuation of the rates rules and regulations for the Island Industrial Customers on an interim basis.

Order P.U. 37(2008) also directed that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") make application to finalize the interim rates, rules and regulations for the Island Industrial Customers by January 30, 2009.

On June 30, 2009, after a request and approval for an extension of the filing date, Hydro filed an application (the "Application") pursuant to Sections 70(1) and 76 of the *Public Utilities Act* requesting the finalization of rates charged to its Industrial Customers, specifically requesting that:

- (i) the rates for Teck Cominco Limited (formerly Aur Resources Inc.) be the same as the rates in effect for all other Island Industrial customers; and
- (ii) the existing Island Industrial Customer interim rates, except the rates for Teck Cominco Limited, be made final.

The Board has determined that it will hold a hearing into Hydro's application for the finalization of Industrial Customer rates and will issue public notice of the hearing once the Board finalizes the hearing schedule.

To date, the parties participating in this process include the Consumer Advocate, Newfoundland Power Inc. and Hydro's Island Industrial Customers; Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, North Atlantic Refining Limited, Teck Cominco Limited, and Vale Inco Newfoundland and Labrador Limited.

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide Abitibi-Consolidated Company of Canada, Grand Falls Division, as a former Industrial Customer, directly with a copy of the Application, which is attached. Should Abitibi-Consolidated wish to participate in this Application a Notice of Intention to Participate must be submitted to the Board **before 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 15, 2010.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Counsel, Mr. Dan Simmons by telephone at 570-7328 or me directly by telephone at 726-8600.

Sincerely,



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Board Secretary

Attachment

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