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Dear Sirs:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Application for Approval of the Rate Stabilization Plan Rules and Refunds to Newfoundland Power and Hydro Rural Customers - Process

The Board is writing in relation to the process to be followed in the above noted application.

Government has directed that the Rate Stabilization Plan (RSP) surplus refund be addressed as part of the General Rate Application (GRA) process but did not set out how it is to be addressed within this process. Specifically, the Order in Council issued by Government does not require that all matters be addressed together in the final Order of the Board. As the process for this matter has not been dictated by Government it will be established by the Board with a view to ensuring that the issues are addressed efficiently and effectively in a full and fair proceeding.

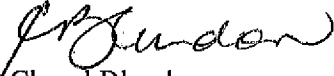
Based on the available information it appears this application involves a discreet issue which does not require the resolution of the other issues flowing from Hydro's GRA. The Board will therefore consider this application in advance of the resolution of the other issues in the GRA. This will allow the distribution of the RSP surplus refund much earlier than would be the case if it was part of the final GRA Order.

The detailed process and schedule of dates for this application will be established in co-operation with the parties. If it appears as the matter progresses that additional notice should be given, or that additional information is required or that consideration of issues should be

delayed or brought together with other matters in the GRA, the schedule and process will be appropriately adjusted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, via jgylmn@pub.nl.ca or (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,



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