

October 28, 2015

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities  
Prince Charles Building  
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040  
St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador  
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**Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon**  
**Director Corporate Services & Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Blundon:

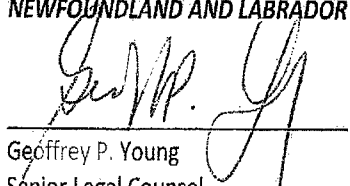
**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application**

Enclosed please find the original plus 12 copies of Hydro's Application for interim approval of Island Industrial Customer electricity rates for implementation effective January 1, 2016.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**



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**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “Act”); and

**IN THE MATTER OF** a General Rate Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to establish customer electricity rates for 2015; and

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application (the “2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application”) by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of interim industrial customer rates, tolls and charges and RSP Rules.

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

**The 2016 INTERIM INDUSTRIAL RATES APPLICATION of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (the “Applicant”) states that:**

**A. Background**

1. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) is a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act*, is a public utility within the meaning of the Act and is subject to the provisions of the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*.
2. On January 28, 2015 Hydro filed an application with the Board (the 2015 Interim Rates Application) seeking approval of adjustments to its customer rates to provide interim rate relief effective March 1, 2015, in advance of conclusion of its General Rate Application (GRA).

3. The 2015 Interim Rates Application also requested approval for rates to be paid by Hydro's Island Industrial Customers (IIC) in compliance with Orders in Council OC2013-089 and OC2013-090, as amended, which provided direction to the Board and to Hydro, respectively, with regard to the phasing-in of rate changes to Hydro's IIC.
4. Order No. P.U. 14(2015) (the 2015 Interim Rates Order) directed Hydro to file a revised Schedule of Rates, Tolls and Charges and Rate Stabilization Plan (RSP) Rules to become effective July 1, 2015 with evidence showing the impacts on consumers and Hydro incorporating the findings in the 2015 Interim Rates Order. The Board did not approve a change in retail rates for customers on the Labrador Interconnected system.
5. In Order No. P.U. 17(2015), the Board approved interim rates for Newfoundland Power and Government Diesel customers effective July 1, 2015. In Order No. P.U. 17(2015), the Board also directed Hydro to file a revised Schedule of Rates, Tolls and Charges and RSP Rules, effective July 1, 2015, to reflect for IIC: a) an interim base rate increase of 10.0%; b) an interim RSP rate adjustment which will result in an effective 2.7% base rate increase for each IIC, including Teck Resources Limited; c) a transfer from the IIC RSP Surplus to fund the difference between the approved 10.0% base rate increase and the effective 2.7% base rate

increase; and d) a transfer from the IIC RSP Surplus to fund the full amount of the 2014 year-end IC RSP current balance.

6. In Order No. P.U. 21(2015), the Board approved a 10% increase in IIC base rates (excluding specifically assigned charges) and the implementation of RSP Surplus adjustments that resulted in a 2.7% increase in rates for each individual IIC. A separate RSP Adjustment was maintained for Teck Resources to achieve the equal percentage increase for each customer.
7. In Order No. P.U. 21(2015), the Board approved RSP Surplus Adjustment factors of (\$0.49) per kW to apply against the IIC firm demand charge and (0.269¢) per kWh to apply against the IIC firm energy charge effective July 1, 2015. In Order No. P.U. 21(2015), the Board also approved an RSP Adjustment of (1.141¢) per kWh to apply to Teck Resources.
8. Order No. P.U. 21(2015) also required Hydro to file revisions to the RSP Rules to clearly provide for the transfer from the IIC RSP Surplus to fund the difference between the approved base rate increase and the effective base rate increase for IIC. Hydro has included revised RSP rules in this filing to comply with this Board directive.

9. The current schedule for the ongoing GRA indicates an Order of the Board on final customer rates will not be issued in time for the implementation of new IIC rates to become effective January 1, 2016. A delay in increasing IIC rates beyond January 1, 2016 will also contribute to a 2016 net income deficiency for Hydro.

**B. The Application**

10. This 2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application proposes the Board approve revised interim IIC rates effective January 1, 2016 and to provide for completion of the IIC rate phase-in to full cost rates by September 1, 2016 in compliance with Orders in Council OC2013-089 and OC2013-090, as amended.
11. The rate increase required to implement full cost IIC base rates can vary materially depending on the forecast No. 6 fuel cost used to establish rates. Approval of the proposed IIC base rate in the Amended Application (based on a forecast No. 6 fuel price of \$93.32 per barrel (\$Cdn)) will require a base rate increase of 26.8% relative to the interim base rate approved July 1, 2015. However, there has been a material reduction in No. 6 fuel cost since the filing of the Amended Application. The forecast purchase price for No. 6 fuel for 2016 provided to the Board on October 15, 2015 for use in estimating the 2016 IIC fuel rider was approximately \$69 per barrel (\$Cdn).

12. Hydro proposes to implement IIC base demand and energy rates to reflect an updated 2015 Test Year No. 6 fuel cost calculated using the 2016 forecast fuel price including the forecast fuel price impact on the year-end 2015 inventory cost of No. 6 fuel. The 2015 Test Year forecast No. 6 fuel cost reflecting the 2016 forecast fuel price is \$64.41 per barrel (\$Cdn).
13. Because the methodology for determining specifically assigned charges to IIC is currently being contested before the Board, Hydro is proposing no change in specifically assigned charges at this time.
14. Hydro also proposes to revise the RSP Surplus Adjustments effective January 1, 2016 to offset any rate increase from implementing new base rates. The proposed RSP Surplus Adjustments of (\$1.52) per kW and (0.294¢) per kWh are to be effective for the period January 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016. The revised RSP Surplus Adjustments are calculated to provide the same net demand and energy charges that are currently approved for IIC billing (i.e., approved effective July 1, 2015 on an interim basis).
15. Schedule 1 to this 2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application provides revised RSP rules reflecting the updated IIC RSP Surplus Adjustments in addition to revised wording to clearly provide for the transfer from the IIC RSP Surplus to fund the

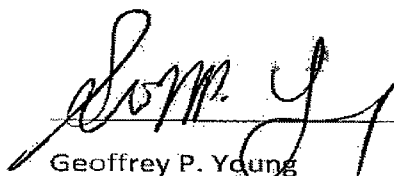
difference between the approved base rate increase and the effective base rate increase for IIC, in compliance with Order No. 21(2015).

16. Schedule 2 to this 2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application provides the proposed IIC interim rates to become effective January 1, 2016.
17. Schedule 3 to this 2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application provides calculation of the estimated rate impacts. There is no customer billing impact on January 1, 2016 for any IIC as the proposed increase in base rate demand and energy charges are fully offset by the revised RSP Surplus Adjustments. Approval of the 2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application will result in an average 3.7% increase in base rate revenue from IIC.
18. Schedule 4 to this 2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application provides the forecast drawdown of the RSP Surplus reflecting the RSP Surplus Adjustments for the period January 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016. The forecast IIC RSP Surplus credit balance at August 31, 2016 is approximately \$580,000. Hydro proposes that the actual balance in the IIC RSP Surplus at August 31, 2016 be transferred to the IIC RSP current balance on that date. The RSP rules provided in Schedule 1 reflect this proposal.

19. Hydro proposes the Board approve on an interim basis effective January 1, 2016:
- (a) the revised RSP rules and RSP Surplus Adjustments to provide for the disposition of the IIC RSP Surplus to offset the impact of the proposed base rate increases as provided in Schedule 1; and
  - (b) the revised rate schedule for Island Industrial Customers provided in Schedule 2; and

**DATED AT** St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.

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**RATE STABILIZATION PLAN (INTERIM)**

The Rate Stabilization Plan of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) is established for Hydro's Utility customer, Newfoundland Power, and Island Industrial customers to smooth rate impacts for variations between actual results and Test Year Cost of Service estimates for:

- hydraulic production;
- No. 6 fuel cost used at Hydro's Holyrood generating station;
- customer load (Utility and Island Industrial); and
- rural rates.

The formulae used to calculate the Plan's activity are outlined below. Positive values denote amounts owing from customers to Hydro whereas negative values denote amounts owing from Hydro to customers.

**Section A: Hydraulic Production Variation**

**1. Activity:**

Actual monthly production is compared with the Test Year Cost of Service Study in accordance with the following formula:

$$\{(A - B) \div C\} \times D$$

Where:

A = Test Year Cost of Service Net Hydraulic Production (kWh)

B = Actual Net Hydraulic Production (kWh)

C = Test Year Cost of Service Holyrood Net Conversion Factor (kWh /bbl.)

D = Monthly Test Year Cost of Service No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$Can /bbl.)

**2. Financing:**

Each month, financing charges, using Hydro's approved Test Year weighted average cost of capital, will be calculated on the balance.

**3. Hydraulic Variation Customer Assignment:**

Customer assignment of hydraulic variations will be performed annually as follows:

$$(E \times 25\%) + F$$

Where:

E = Hydraulic Variation Account Balance as of December 31, excluding financing charges

F = Financing charges accumulated to December 31

The total amount of the Hydraulic Customer Assignment shall be removed from the Hydraulic Variation Account.

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**4. Customer Allocation:**

The annual customer assignment will be allocated among the Island Interconnected customer groups of (1) Newfoundland Power; (2) Island Industrial Firm; and (3) Rural Island Interconnected. The allocation will be based on percentages derived from 12 months-to-date kWh for: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy.

The portion of the hydraulic customer assignment which is initially allocated to Rural Island Interconnected will be re-allocated between Newfoundland Power and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers in the same proportion which the Rural Deficit was allocated in the approved Test Year Cost of Service Study.

The Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer allocations shall be included with the Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial RSP balances respectively as of December 31 each year. The Labrador Interconnected Hydraulic customer allocation shall be written off to Hydro's net income (loss).

**Section B: Fuel Cost Variation, Load Variation and Rural Rate Alteration**

**1. Activity**

**1.1 Fuel Cost Variations**

This is based on the consumption of No. 6 Fuel at the Holyrood Generating Station:

$$(G - D) \times H$$

Where:

D = Monthly Test Year Cost of Service No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$/Can /bbl.)

G = Monthly Actual Average No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$/Can /bbl.)

H = Monthly Actual Quantity of No. 6 Fuel consumed less No. 6 fuel consumed for non-firm sales (bbl.)

**1.2 Load Variations**

**Firm:** Firm load variation is comprised of fuel and revenue components. The load variation is determined by calculating the difference between actual monthly sales and the Test Year Cost of service Study sales, and the resulting variance in No. 6 fuel costs and sales revenues. It is calculated separately for Newfoundland Power firm sales and Industrial firm sales, in accordance with the following formula:

$$(I - J) \times \{(D \div C) - K\}$$

Where:

C = Test Year Cost of Service Holyrood Net Conversion Factor (kWh /bbl.)

D = Monthly Test Year Cost of Service No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$/Can /bbl.)

I = Actual Sales, by customer class (kWh)

J = Test Year Cost of Service Sales, by customer class (kWh)

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K = Firm energy rate, by customer class

**Secondary:** Secondary load variation is based on the revenue variation for Utility Firm-Up Secondary energy sales compared with the Test Year Cost of Service Study, in accordance with the following formula:

$$(J - I) \times L$$

Where:

I = Actual Sales (kWh)

J = Test Year Cost of Service Sales (kWh)

L = Secondary Energy Firming Up Charge

### **1.3 Rural Rate Alteration**

(a) Newfoundland Power Rate Change Impacts:

This component is calculated for Hydro's rural customers whose rates are directly or indirectly impacted by Newfoundland Power's rate changes, with the following formula:

$$(M - N) \times O$$

Where:

M = Cost of Service rate <sup>1</sup>

N = Existing rate

O = Actual Units (kWh, bills, billing demand)

(b) Rural Labrador Interconnected Automatic Rate Adjustments:

This component reflects the impact of the automatic rate adjustments for Hydro's rural customers on the Labrador Interconnected system, which arise from the phase-in of the application of the credit from secondary energy sales to CFB Goose Bay to the rural deficit.

Monthly adjustments will be subject to revision when a new Test Year Cost of Service is approved by the Public Utilities Board for Hydro. The amount of the automatic rate adjustment is (\$98,295.)

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<sup>1</sup>

- Hydro's schedule of rates for its rural customers not affected by the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Government directive.
- For customers affected by the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Government directive, the Cost of Service rate equals the phased-in 2007 Forecast Cost of Service Rates for diesel rate classes 1.2D, 2.1D and 2.2D.
- No Rural Rate Alternation will arise from the phase-in of 2007 Forecast Cost of Service rates for the customers affected by the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Government directive.

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**2. Monthly Customer Allocation: Load and Fuel Activity**

Each month, the load variation will be held in a separate account in the Plan, until its disposition is ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

Each month, the year-to-date total for fuel price variation will be allocated among the Island Interconnected customer groups of (1) Newfoundland Power; (2) Island Industrial Firm; and (3) Rural Island Interconnected. The allocation will be based on percentages derived from 12 months-to-date kWh for: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy.

The year-to-date portion of the fuel price variation which is initially allocated to Rural Island Interconnected will be re-allocated between Newfoundland Power and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers in the same proportion which the Rural Deficit was allocated in the approved Test Year Cost of Service Study.

The current month's activity for Newfoundland Power, Island Industrials and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers will be calculated by subtracting year-to-date activity for the prior month from year-to-date activity for the current month. The current month's activity allocated to regulated Labrador Interconnected customers will be removed from the Plan and written off to Hydro's net income (loss).

**3. Monthly Customer Allocation: Rural Rate Alteration Activity**

Each month, the rural rate alteration will be allocated between Newfoundland Power and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers in the same proportion which the Rural Deficit was allocated in the approved Test Year Cost of Service Study. The portion allocated to regulated Labrador Interconnected will be removed from the Plan and written off to Hydro's net income (loss).

**4. Plan Balances**

Separate plan balances for Newfoundland Power, the Island Industrial customer class and the segregated load variation will be maintained. Financing charges on the plan balances will be calculated monthly using Hydro's approved Test Year weighted average cost of capital.

**Section C: Fuel Price Projection**

A fuel price projection will be calculated to anticipate forecast fuel price changes and to determine fuel riders for the rate adjustments. For industrial customers, this will occur in October each year, for inclusion with the RSP adjustment effective January 1. For Newfoundland Power, this will occur in April each year, for inclusion with the RSP adjustment effective July 1.

**1. Industrial Fuel Price Projection:**

In October each year, a fuel price projection for the following January to December shall be made to estimate a change from Test Year No. 6 Fuel Cost. Hydro's projection shall be based on the change from the average Test Year No. 6 fuel purchase price, in Canadian dollars per barrel,

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determined from the forecast oil prices provided by the PIRA Energy Group, and the current US exchange rate. The calculation for the projection is:

$$[(S - T) \times U - V] \times W$$

Where:

S = the September month-end PIRA Energy Group average monthly forecast for No. 6 fuel prices at New York Harbour for the following January to December

T = Hydro's average Test Year contract discount (US \$/bbl)

U = the monthly average of the \$Cdn / \$US Bank of Canada Noon Exchange Rate for the month of September

V = average Test Year Cost of Service purchase price for No. 6 Fuel (\$Can /bbl.)

W = the number of barrels of No. 6 fuel forecast to be consumed at the Holyrood Generating Station for the Test Year.

The industrial customer allocation of the forecast fuel price change will be based on 12 months-to-date kWh as of the end of September and is the ratio of Industrial Firm invoiced energy to the total of: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy.

The amount of the forecast fuel price change, in Canadian dollars, and the details of an estimate of the fuel rider based on 12 months-to-date kWh sales to the end of September will be reported to industrial customers, Newfoundland Power, and the Public Utilities Board, by the 10<sup>th</sup> working day of October.

**2. Newfoundland Power Fuel Price Projection:**

In April each year, a fuel price projection for the following July to June shall be made to estimate a change from Test Year No. 6 Fuel Cost. Hydro's projection shall be based on the change from the average Test Year No. 6 fuel purchase price, in Canadian dollars per barrel, determined from the forecast oil prices provided by the PIRA Energy Group, and the current US exchange rate.

The calculation for the projection is:

$$[(X - T) \times Y - V] \times W$$

Where:

T = Hydro's average Test Year contract discount (US \$/bbl)

V = average Test Year Cost of Service purchase price for No. 6 Fuel (\$Can /bbl.)

W = the number of barrels of No. 6 fuel forecast to be consumed at the Holyrood Generating Station for the Test Year. For the 2007 Test Year, test year barrels are reduced by 589,208 based on the reduction in forecast Island Industrial customer load caused by the shutdown of one of the paper machines at Corner Brook Pulp and Paper and the shutdown of Abitibi Consolidated (Grand Falls).

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X = the average of the March month-end PIRA Energy Group average monthly forecast for No. 6 fuel prices at New York Harbour for July to December of the current year and for the January to June period of the subsequent year.

Y = the monthly average of the \$Cdn / \$US Bank of Canada Noon Exchange Rate for the month of March.

The Newfoundland Power customer allocation of the forecast fuel price change will be based on 12 months-to-date kWh as of the end of March and is the ratio of Newfoundland Power Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy to the total of: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy. For the 12 months-to-date (April 2008 - March 2009) Industrial Firm invoiced energy is reduced by 87,991,636 kWh to reflect the forecast reduction in Abitibi Consolidated (Grand Falls) load.

The amount of the forecast fuel price change, in Canadian dollars, and the details of the resulting fuel rider applied to the adjustment rate will be reported to Newfoundland Power, industrial customers, and the Public Utilities Board, by the 10<sup>th</sup> working day of April.

**Section D: Adjustment**

**1. Newfoundland Power**

As of March 31 each year, Newfoundland Power's adjustment rate for the 12-month period commencing the following July 1 is determined as the rate per kWh which is projected to collect:

Newfoundland Power March 31 Balance

less     projected recovery / repayment of the balance for the following three months (if any),  
             estimated using the energy sales (kWh) for April, May and June from the previous year

plus     forecast financing charges to the end of the 12-month recovery period (i.e., June in the  
             following calendar year),

divided by the 12-months-to-date firm plus firmed-up secondary kWh sales to the end of March.

A fuel rider shall be added to the above adjustment rate, based on the Newfoundland Power Fuel Price Projection amount (as per Section C.2 above) divided by 12-months-to-date kWh sales to the end of March.

When new Test Year base rates come into effect, if a fuel rider forecast (either March or September) is more current than the test year fuel forecast, a fuel rider will be implemented at the same time as the change in base rates reflecting the more current fuel forecast and the new test year values.

Otherwise, the fuel rider portion of the RSP Adjustment will be set to zero upon implementation of the new Test Year Cost of Service rates, until the time for the next fuel price projection.

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**2. Island Industrial Customers**

- 2.1 As of December 31 each year, the adjustment rate for industrial customers for the 12-month period commencing January 1 is determined as the rate per kWh which is projected to collect:

Industrial December 31 Balance

plus forecast financing charges to the end of the following calendar year,

divided by 12-months-to-date kWh sales to the end of December.

A fuel rider shall be added to the above adjustment rate, based on the Industrial Fuel Price Projection (as per Section C.1 above) amount divided by 12-months-to-date kWh sales to the end of December.

When new Test Year base rates come into effect, if a fuel rider forecast (either March or September) is more current than the test year fuel forecast, a fuel rider will be implemented at the same time as the change in base rates reflecting the more current fuel forecast and the new test year values. Otherwise, the fuel rider portion of the RSP Adjustment will be set to zero upon implementation of the new Test Year Cost of Service rates, until the time for the next fuel price projection.

- 2.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 2.1, as of July 1, 2015 the adjustment rate that provides for disposition of the current RSP balance and the application of the fuel rider to industrial customers will be set to zero until a further Order of the Board. [ ] The RSP Surplus Adjustment will include an energy rate of (0.294)¢ per kWh and a demand rate of \$(1.52) per kW, applicable to all industrial customers in accordance with Section F [ ]. The RSP Surplus Adjustment will remain in effect until a further Order of the Board.

**Section E: Historical Plan Balances:**

**1. August 2002 Balance:**

Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer balances accumulated in the Plan as at August 2002 will be recovered over a 5-year collection period, with adjustment rates established each December 31, commencing December 31, 2002. Financing charges on the plan balances will be calculated monthly using Hydro's approved Test Year annual weighted average cost of capital.

**Newfoundland Power**

The adjustment rate for each year of the five-year adjustment period will be determined as follows:

$$A = (B - C + D) \div E \div F$$

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Where:

- A = adjustment rate (\$ per kWh) for the 12-month period commencing the following July 1.
- B = Balance December 31
- C = projected recovery to the following June 30 (if any), estimated using the most recent energy sales (kWh) for the period January to June.
- D = projected financing charges to the following June 30
- E = number of years remaining in the adjustment period
- F = energy sales (kWh) (firm and firm-up secondary) to Newfoundland Power for the most recent 12 months ended December 31

Recovery and financing will be applied to the balance each month. At the end of the five-year recovery period, any remaining balance will be added to the plan then in effect.

**Island Industrial Customers, excluding Teck Cominco Limited [Exempted pursuant to Order No. P.U.1(2007)]**

The adjustment rate for each year of the five-year adjustment period will be determined as follows:

$$G = H \div I \div J$$

Where:

- G = adjustment rate (\$ per kWh) for the 12-month period commencing the following January 1.
- H = Balance December 31
- I = number of years remaining in the adjustment period
- J = firm energy sales (kWh) to Industrial Customers, excluding sales to Teck Cominco Limited, for the most recent 12 months ended December 31

Recovery and financing will be applied to the balance each month. At the end of the five-year recovery period, any remaining balance will be added to the plan then in effect.

**2. RSP Balance, December 31, 2003:**

Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer balances accumulated in the Plan as at December 31, 2003 will be consolidated with the outstanding August 2002 customer balances as of December 31, 2003, and will be included with the Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer balances respectively for rate-setting purposes as of December 31, 2003.



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**Section F: RSP Surplus:**

**1. August 31, 2013 Balance:**

The net load variation for Newfoundland Power and the Industrial Customers from January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2013, including financing (the RSP Surplus), will be removed from the respective customer class balance, and allocated based upon direction provided by Government in Orders in Council OC2013-089 and OC2013-207. The balances which remain after this amount is removed will form the adjusted August 31, 2013 current plan balances for each customer class.

The Industrial Customer class allocated amount will be used, firstly, to reduce the Industrial Customer class adjusted August 31, 2013 RSP balance to zero. OC2013-089 states that the remaining IC RSP Surplus is to be used to fund a three-year phase-in of rate increases for Island Industrial customers.

The monthly RSP adjustment resulting from the Teck Resources Limited RSP Adjustment rate of (1.141)¢ per kWh determined in accordance with Order No. P.U. 17(2015), will become effective July 1, 2015 and segregated from the other components of the Industrial Customer RSP until its disposition is ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

**1.1 Industrial Customer RSP Surplus Disposition**

Effective December 31, 2014, a one-time transfer from the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus will be applied to the Industrial Customer RSP current plan balance to reduce the December 31, 2014 current plan balance to zero. This transfer is in accordance with Order No. P.U. 14(2015).

The Industrial Customer RSP Surplus will be used to fund the difference between the approved base rate and net billing rates that result from the application of the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus Adjustment demand and energy rates set forth in Section D, 2.2. The balance in the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus at August 31, 2016 will be transferred to the Island Industrial Customer RSP current balance for disposition through the RSP Adjustment calculated in accordance with Section D, 2.1.

**1.2 Newfoundland Power RSP Surplus Disposition**

The Newfoundland Power allocated amount of the RSP Surplus will be segregated held until such time as its disposition occurs in accordance with an Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities through a refund in accordance with Order in Council OC2013-089.

**2. Plan Balances**

Separate plan balances for Newfoundland Power and the Island Industrial customer class will be maintained. Financing charges on the plan balances will be calculated monthly using Hydro's approved Test Year weighted average cost of capital.

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**Availability:**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy.

**Base Rate\*:****Demand Charge:**

The rate for Firm Power, as defined and set out in the Industrial Service Agreements, shall be \$8.38 per month per kilowatt of billing demand.

**Firm Energy Charge:**

Base Rate ..... @ 4.069 ¢ per kWh

**RSP Adjustment:**

Current Plan ..... @ 0.000 ¢ per kWh

Fuel Rider ..... @ 0.000 ¢ per kWh

Total RSP Adjustment – All kilowatt-hours ..... @ 0.000 ¢ per kWh\*\*

**\*\* Exceptions:**

Teck Resources Limited RSP Adjustment..... @ (1.141) ¢ per kWh

**RSP Surplus Adjustment:**

Demand..... @ (1.52) ¢ per kW

Firm Energy ..... @ (0.294) ¢ per kWh

Net Demand Rate ..... @ \$6.86 per month

Net Energy Rate ..... @ 3.775 ¢ per kWh\*\*\*

**\*\*\* Exceptions:**

Teck Resources Limited Net Energy Rate ..... @ 2.634 ¢ per kWh

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**Specifically Assigned Charges:**

The table below contains the additional annual specifically assigned charges for customer plant in service that is specifically assigned to the Customer.

	<b>Annual Amount</b>
Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited	\$ 347,167
North Atlantic Refining Limited	\$ 150,976
Teck Resources Limited	\$ 186,169

**\*Subject to RSP Adjustments:**

RSP Adjustments refers to all applicable adjustments arising from the operation of Hydro's Rate Stabilization Plan, which levelizes variations in hydraulic production, fuel cost, load and rural rates and also provides for disposition of the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus.

**Adjustment for Losses:**

If the metering point is on the load side of the transformer, either owned by the customer or specifically assigned to the customer, an adjustment for losses as determined in consultation with the customer prior to January 31 of each year shall be applied.

**General:**

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements.  
**This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**  
INDUSTRIAL-FIRM-INTERIM

**Availability:**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy.

**Rate:****Non-Firm Energy Charge (¢ per kWh):**

Non-Firm Energy is deemed to be supplied from thermal sources. The following formula shall apply to calculate the Non-Firm Energy rate:

$$\{(A \div B) \times (1 + C) \times (1 \div (1 - D))\} \times 100$$

- A = the monthly average cost of fuel per barrel for the energy source in the current month or, in the month the source was last used
- B = the conversion factor for the source used (kWh/bbl)
- C = the administrative and variable operating and maintenance charge (10%)
- D = the average system losses on the Island Interconnected grid for the last five years ending in 2005 (2.68%).

The energy sources and associated conversion factors are:

1. Holyrood, using No. 6 fuel with a conversion factor of 630 kWh/bbl
2. Gas turbines using No. 2 fuel with a conversion factor of 475 kWh/bbl
3. Diesels using No. 2 fuel with a conversion factor of 556 kWh/bbl.

**Adjustment for Losses:**

If the metering point is on the load side of the transformer, either owned by the customer or specifically assigned to the customer, an adjustment for losses as determined in consultation with the customer prior to January 31 of each year shall be applied.

**General:**

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements. **This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.**

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO****INDUSTRIAL - WHEELING – INTERIM****Availability:**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy and whose Industrial Service Agreement so provides.

**Rate:****Energy Charge:**

All kWh (Net of losses)\* ..... @ 0.384 ¢ per kWh

\* For the purpose of this Rate, losses shall be 2.68%, the average system losses on the Island Interconnected Grid for the last five years ending in 2005.

**General:**

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Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
Island Industrial Customer Rate Impacts

Total Island Industrial Customers

	2015 TY Billing		July 1 2015		Jan 1 2016		Percent
	Units	Unit	Existing	\$	Proposed	\$	Increase vs 2015 Existing
Demand	1,064,800 <sup>1</sup>	\$/kW/mo	7.35 <sup>2</sup>	7,826,280	8.38 <sup>3</sup>	8,923,024	
Energy	621,400 <sup>1</sup>	mills/kWh	40.44 <sup>2</sup>	25,129,416	40.69 <sup>4</sup>	25,284,766	
Spec. Assigned		\$	684,312 <sup>2</sup>	684,312	684,312 <sup>3</sup>	684,312	
Total Revenues				33,640,008		34,892,102	3.7%
RSP: Current Plan	621,400	mills/kWh	(11.41) <sup>2</sup>	(232,764)	(11.41) <sup>2</sup>	(232,764)	
RSP: Fuel Rider	621,400	mills/kWh				-	
RSP: IC Surplus Credit (Demand)	1,064,800	\$/kW	(0.49) <sup>2</sup>	(521,752)	(1.52) <sup>5</sup>	(1,618,496)	
RSP: IC Surplus Credit (Energy)	621,400	mills/kWh	(2.69) <sup>2</sup>	(1,671,566)	(2.94) <sup>5</sup>	(1,826,916)	
Total RSP				(2,426,082)		(3,678,176)	
Firm plus RSP			37.75	31,213,926		31,213,926	0.0%

<sup>1</sup> 2013 General Rate Application Volume II Amended Application November 2014, Exhibit 13 Cost of Service, Schedule 1.3.2.

<sup>2</sup> Order No. P.U. 21 (2015) Schedule A Page 1.

<sup>3</sup> 2013 General Rate Application Volume I Amended Application November 2014, B Rates Schedules Page 6.

<sup>4</sup> See Schedule 3, Pg 2 of 2.

<sup>5</sup> See Schedule 4, Pg 1 of 1.

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Calculation of Proposed Interim IIC Energy Rate

Line No		
1	2015 Test Year Industrial Revenue Requirement - Energy	\$32,010,206 COS Schedule 1.3.1, Page 1 of 3, Col 4, Line 2
	Fuel Cost Adjustment	
2	Total No. 6 Fuel Cost Adjustment Island Int. System	\$75,870,566 \$93.32/bbl-\$64.41/bbl x 2,624,371 bbls
3	IIC Allocation based on 2015 Test Year MWh @ Generation	8.865% COS Schedule 3.1 A, Page 1 of 2, Col 4, Line 15
4	IIC Fuel Cost Adjustment	<u>\$6,725,926</u> Line 2 x Line 3
5	Adjusted Industrial Revenue Requirement - Energy	\$25,284,280 Line 1 - Line 4
6	IIC Test Year Billing Units (MWh)	<u>621,400</u> COS Schedule 1.3.2, Page 1 of 3, Col 3, Line 2
7	IIC Proposed Interim IIC Energy Rate (mills/kWh)	<u><u>40.69</u></u> Line 5/Line 6

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
Forecast drawdown of IC RSP Surplus for Island Industrial Customers

Line No		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
		Billing Units			RSP Surplus Credit Adjustment								Finance Charge <sup>1</sup>	Cumulative Net Balance
		Total IC Demand	Total IC Energy	Teck Energy	Demand Charge	Energy Rate	RSP Adj - Teck	Demand	Energy	Teck Energy	Total Allocation			
		kW	MWh	MWh	cents/kWh	cents/kWh	cents/kWh	(\$) (A x D)	(\$) (B x E)	(\$) (C x F)	(\$) (G + H + I)			
2014														
1	December Closing Balance												(10,892,683)	
2	Adjustment <sup>2</sup>												6,774,833	
3	Adjusted Opening Balance												(4,117,850)	
2015														
4	January	81,500	49,000	3,800			1.111	0	0	42,218	42,218	(22,693)	(4,098,325)	
5	February	83,500	45,900	3,500			1.111	0	0	38,885	38,885	(22,585)	(4,082,025)	
6	March	85,500	51,200	3,800			1.111	0	0	42,218	42,218	(22,495)	(4,062,302)	
7	April	87,500	50,500	3,700			1.111	0	0	41,107	41,107	(22,387)	(4,043,582)	
8	May	89,500	53,500	3,800			1.111	0	0	42,218	42,218	(22,284)	(4,023,648)	
9	June	91,500	51,700	1,800			1.111	0	0	19,998	19,998	(22,174)	(4,025,824)	
10	July	86,500	51,900	1,500	0.49	0.269	1.141	42,385	139,611	17,115	199,111	(22,186)	(3,848,899)	
11	August	88,500	53,100	1,100	0.49	0.269	1.141	43,365	142,839	12,551	198,755	(21,211)	(3,671,355)	
12	September	90,500	38,300	1,100	0.49	0.269	1.141	44,345	103,027	12,551	159,923	(20,232)	(3,531,664)	
13	October	92,500	58,800	600	0.49	0.269	1.141	45,325	158,172	6,846	210,343	(19,462)	(3,340,783)	
14	November	93,900	57,800	610	0.49	0.269	1.141	46,011	155,482	6,960	208,453	(18,410)	(3,150,740)	
15	December	93,900	59,700	660	0.49	0.269	1.141	46,011	160,593	7,531	214,135	(17,363)	(2,953,968)	
		1,064,800	621,400	25,970				267,442	859,724	290,198	1,417,364			
2016														
16	January	88,200	56,000	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	134,064	164,640	3,765	302,469	(16,279)	(2,667,778)	
17	February	89,400	54,000	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	135,888	158,760	3,765	298,413	(14,702)	(2,384,067)	
18	March	89,400	54,900	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	135,888	161,406	3,765	301,059	(13,138)	(2,096,145)	
19	April	90,000	55,500	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	136,800	163,170	3,765	303,735	(11,552)	(1,803,962)	
20	May	90,700	57,500	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	137,864	169,050	3,765	310,679	(9,941)	(1,503,224)	
21	June	91,300	57,000	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	138,776	167,580	3,765	310,121	(8,284)	(1,201,387)	
22	July	91,900	58,300	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	139,688	171,402	3,765	314,855	(6,621)	(893,152)	
23	August	92,500	58,600	330	1.52	0.294	1.141	140,600	172,284	3,765	316,649	(4,922)	(581,425)	
		723,400	451,800	2,640				1,099,568	1,328,292	30,122	2,457,982			

<sup>1</sup> 2015 Test Year proposed monthly financing rate of 6.613%.

<sup>2</sup> In Order No. P.U. 14(2015), the Board approved a transfer from the IC RSP Surplus to fund the full amount of the 2014 year-end IC RSP current balance.



**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act"); and

**IN THE MATTER OF** a general rate application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to establish customer electricity rates for 2015; and


**IN THE MATTER OF** an application (the "2016 Interim Industrial Rates Application") by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of interim industrial customer rates, tolls and charges and RSP Rules.

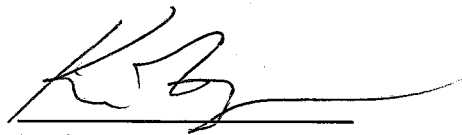
**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Kevin J. Fagan, of St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, make oath and say as follows:

1. I am Manager, Rates and Regulation, of 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of )  
October 2015, before me: )

  
Bobbi Sheppard  
Commissioner for Oaths  
Province of Newfoundland & Labrador  
Expiry date: December 31, 2017

  
Kevin J. Fagan