

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.

**CONSUMER ADVOCATE
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION
CA-NLH-1 to CA-NLH-5**

Issued: November 9, 2015

1 CA-NLH-1 Please provide a table showing the progression of Island Industrial
2 Customer (IIC) rates beginning in August 2013 through to
3 September 1, 2016. In the table show: average rate in cents/kWh,
4 average rate in cents/kWh net of RSP offsets, increase over
5 previous rate in percent for both cases. For September 2016,
6 assume rates based on the Amended 2013 GRA filing, but
7 substituting the oil price forecast used in the 2016 Interim
8 Industrial Rates Application.

9

10 CA-NLH-2 Paragraph 17 of the Application indicates that the 2016 interim
11 rates would result in a 3.7% increase in base revenue form the
12 Island Industrial Customers. What is the basis for selecting a 3.7%
13 base rate increase?

14

15 CA-NLH-3 Please show how the proposed interim rates will result in a smooth
16 transition of Island Industrial Customer rates, thus alleviating rate
17 impacts.

18

19 CA-NLH-3 Paragraph 9 of the Application indicates Hydro will have a 2016
20 net income deficiency if there is a delay in increasing IIC rates
21 beyond January 1, 2016. Please quantify the deficiency and show
22 the impact on Hydro's key financial indictors assuming the Board
23 Order relating to the Amended 2013 GRA is effective April 1,
24 2016, and alternatively, July 1, 2016. Please show how the
25 additional revenue Hydro will receive from the interim rates will
26 improve Hydro's financial situation in 2016.

27

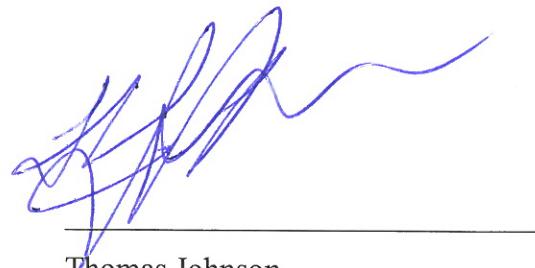
28 CA-NLH-4 Schedule 4 of the Application provides the forecast RSP
29 drawdown for Island Industrial Customers. What loads are used in
30 the calculation and what is the basis for selecting these loads? Why
31 are 2016 loads reduced from those in late 2015?

1
2 CA-NLH-5 Schedule 4 of the Application provides the forecast RSP
3 drawdown for Island Industrial Customers. Why are 2016 rates so
4 much greater than 2015 rates?

5

6

7 Dated at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 9th day of
8 November, 2015.



13 Thomas Johnson
14 Consumer Advocate
15 323 Duckworth Street
16 St. John's, NL A1C 5X4
17 Telephone: (709) 726-3524
18 Facsimile: (709) 726-9600
19 Email: tjohnson@odeaearle.ca

20