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Board of Commissioners  
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Attention: G. Cheryl Blundon  
Director of Corporate Services  
and Board Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

Please find enclosed the original and 12 copies of Newfoundland Power's Requests for Information NP-NLH-001 to NP-NLH-006 in relation to the above-noted Application.

For convenience, the Requests for Information are provided on three-hole punched paper.

A copy of this letter, together with enclosures, has been forwarded directly to the parties listed below.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Gerard M. Hayes  
Senior Counsel

Enclosures



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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 rates,  
tolls and charges and RSP Rules.

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**Requests for Information by  
Newfoundland Power Inc.**

**NP-NLH-001 to NP-NLH-006**

**November 9, 2015**

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## Requests for Information

NP-NLH-001 Please confirm that approval by the Board of Hydro's proposals in this Application would have no financial impact on either Newfoundland Power or its customers.

NP-NLH-002 Reference: The Application, page 4, Paragraph 11

*"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)."*

Does Hydro plan to update the 2015 Test Year forecast purchase price for No. 6 fuel in its Amended General Rate Application to reflect the current forecast of approximately \$69 per barrel (\$CDN) referenced in this Application? If so, when?

NP-NLH-003 In Order No. P.U. 14 (2015), the Board stated, page 16, lines 26 – 29:

*"The Board believes that it is not necessary or appropriate to address how the phase-in of the Island Industrial customer rates is to be completed in advance of the general rate application, especially given the differing views expressed by the parties."*

What consideration, if any, did Hydro give to the Board's ruling in Order No. P.U. 14 (2015) in its decision to submit this Application?

NP-NLH-004 In Order No. P.U. 14 (2015), the Board stated, page 13, lines 17 – 23:

*"The Board has significant concerns in relation to the interim implementation of the extensive changes proposed in the Interim Rate Application. Hydro has not demonstrated that it is necessary or appropriate to reflect these proposals in interim rates established in advance of the conclusion of the general rate application. The Board will not approve the Interim Rate Application as proposed but instead will consider whether Hydro has demonstrated that base rates should be increased to provide interim revenue relief in advance of the conclusion of the general rate application."*

In Order No. P.U. 14 (2015), the Board approved an interim base rate increase of 10.0% for the Island Industrial customers, rather than Hydro's proposed base rate increase of 18.1%.

Please explain why it is now appropriate to implement the base rates proposed for the Island Industrial customers in this Application in advance of the conclusion of Hydro's general rate application.

NP-NLH-005

Reference: The Application, Schedule 3, page 1 of 2.

Please provide the forecast percentage increase in customer rates for the Island Industrial customers effective September 1, 2016.

NP-NLH-006

Reference: The Application, Schedule 3, page 1 of 2.

Please indicate the year-to-date amounts of additional revenue approval of this Application would provide to Hydro for the following dates: March 31, 2016; June 30, 2016; September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.



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