NP-NLH-250 2013 NLH General Rate Application

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1	Q.	Further to response to Request for Information NP-NLH-020:
2		Please restate the response to NP-NLH-020 Attachment 1, assuming that the
3		proposed rates for 2014 remain in effect through 2017.
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6	A.	Please refer to NP-NLH-250 Attachment 1.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Financial Results and Forecasts Statement of Income and Retained Earnings (\$millions)

		Proposed 2014	Proposed 2015	Proposed 2016	Proposed 2017
1 R	devenue				
2	Energy sales	598.0	618.6	637.9	638.5
3	Other revenue	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
4 T	otal revenue	600.4	621.0	640.3	641.0
5					
6 E	expenses				
7	Operating expenses	116.8	120.1	123.7	127.1
8	Loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0
9	Fuels	246.5	256.8	265.1	265.0
10	Power purchases	59.2	58.7	58.9	58.5
11	Amortization	56.1	62.1	71.2	74.6
12	Accretion of asset retirement obligation	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
13	Interest	89.4	74.9	74.6	80.5
14 T	'otal expenses	571.5	576.5	597.4	609.6
15					
16 N	let income	28.8	44.5	42.9	31.4
17					
18 R	Retained Earnings				
19	Balance at beginning of year	237.4	266.2	310.7	353.6
20	Opening adjustment - retained earnings	-	-	-	-
21	Dividends	=	=	<u> </u>	=
22 B	alance at end of year	266.2	310.7	353.6	385.0

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Financial Results and Forecasts Balance Sheet (\$millions)

	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Assets				
2 Current assets				
3 Cash and cash equivalents				
4 Short-term investments	-	-	-	-
5 Accounts receivable	63.5	74.8	83.9	85.6
6 Current portion of regulatory assets	2.5	34.1	51.1	62.2
7 Inventory	72.5	56.4	80.5	61.8
8 Prepaid expenses	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7
9	140.1	166.9	217.2	211.3
10	140.1	100.5	217.2	211.5
11 Property, plant, and equipment	1,588.3	1,796.5	1,911.9	1,976.8
12 Sinking funds	217.5	228.2	242.7	176.5
13 Regulatory assets	61.7	59.0	56.8	53.6
14	51. 7	55.0	30.0	33.0
15 Total assets	2,007.5	2,250.6	2,428.6	2,418.2
16				
17 Liabilities and shareholder equity				
18 Current liabilities				
19 Promissory notes	156.1	110.7	169.6	105.4
20 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	96.0	57.1	58.8	60.4
21 Accrued interest	28.7	24.0	23.9	25.8
22 Current portion of long-term debt	8.2	233.2	6.7	6.7
23 Current portion of regulatory liabilities	8.3	-	-	-
24 Deferred capital contribution	0.7	0.2	-	-
25 Due to related parties	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0 A
26 Promissory notes - non-regulated	(8.5)	(8.5)	(8.5)	(8.5) A
27	292.5	419.7	253.5	192.7
28				
29 Long-term debt	1,194.3	1,265.6	1,563.1	1,578.5
30 Regulatory liabilities	32.1	32.2	33.2	33.8
31 Asset retirement obligations	25.2	25.9	26.6	27.3
32 Employee future benefits	69.5	75.5	81.5	87.5
33 Contributed capital	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 A
34 Shareholder's equity / retained earnings	266.2	310.7	353.6	385.0
35 Accumulated other comprehensive income	27.7	21.0	17.1	13.3
36				
37 Total liabilities and shareholder's equity	2,007.5	2,250.6	2,428.6	2,418.2
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A Assumption that balances will stay consistent from 2013-2017 due to any variance would be immaterial

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Financial Results and Forecasts Capital Structure (\$millions)

		Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
		2014	2015	2016	2017
	Download and the Labourations				
	Regulated capital structure	1,202.6	1 400 0	1 560 9	1 505 3
2	Long-term debt	1,202.6	1,498.8 110.7	1,569.8 169.6	1,585.2 105.4
3 4	Promissory notes Promissory notes - related party	156.1	110.7	169.6	105.4
5	less: sinking funds	- (217.5)	(228.2)	(242.7)	(176.5)
6	add: mark to market of sinking funds	(217.5)	21.0	(242.7) 17.1	13.3
7	add: mark to market of sinking funds	1,169.0	1,402.3	1,513.8	1,527.3
8	Cost of service exclusions	1,109.0	1,402.5	1,515.0	1,527.5
9	Non-regulated debt pool	(8.5)	(8.5)	(8.5)	(8.5)
10	Net regulated debt	1,160.5	1,393.9	1,505.4	1,518.8
11	Asset retirement obligation	25.2	25.9	26.6	26.6
12	less: unfunded asset retirement obligation	(15.0)	(12.8)	(10.5)	(8.2) A
13	Employee future benefits	69.5	75.5	81.5	87.5
14	Contributed capital	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
15	Retained earnings cost of service exclusions	0.5	100.0	100.0	100.0
16	Retained earnings	266.2	310.7	353.6	385.0
	Total	1,606.9	1,893.2	2,056.6	2,109.7
18	i Stal	1,000.5	1,055.2	2,030.0	2,103.7
	Regulated capital structure (%)				
20	Debt	72.2%	73.6%	73.2%	72.0%
21	Asset retirement obligation	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%
22	Employee future benefits	4.3%	4.0%	4.0%	4.1%
23	Equity	22.8%	21.7%	22.1%	23.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
25	i Stal	100.070	100.070	100.070	100.070
	Regulated average capital structure (%)				
27	Debt	70.8%	72.9%	73.4%	72.6%
28	Asset retirement obligation	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
29	Employee future benefits	4.6%	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%
30	Equity	24.1%	22.3%	21.9%	22.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
32	i Stal	100.070	100.070	100.070	100.070
	Weighted average cost of capital (WACC)				
34	Embedded cost of debt	7.5%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%
35	Asset retirement obligation	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
36	Employee future benefits	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
37	Equity	8.8%	8.8%	8.8%	8.8% B
	WACC	7.5%	6.9%	6.8%	6.8%
30 1	WACC	7.5%	0.370	0.076	0.070

A The asset retirement obligation is not part of capital structure until it has been funded by rate payers. As such, the unfunded amount is removed. The funded amount includes the depreciation and accretion charges that have been recorded in net income.

B 2014-2017 return on equity based on NP's approved return on equity

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Financial Results and Forecasts Rate of Return on Rate Base (\$millions)

	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Property, plant, and equipment	1,588.3	1,796.5	1,911.9	1,976.8
2 add: accumulated depreciation	193.2	254.5	325.1	399.1
3 add: contributions in aid of construction	21.9	22.6	23.0	23.5
4 less: work in progress	(61.4)	(130.8)	(218.7)	(277.9)
5 Capital assets in service	1,742.0	1,942.7	2,041.4	2,121.5
6 less: asset retirement obligation	(15.0)	(12.8)	(10.5)	(8.2) A
7 less: contributions in aid of construction	(21.9)	(22.6)	(23.0)	(23.5)
8 less: accumulated depreciation	(193.2)	(254.5)	(325.1)	(399.1)
9 Capital assets - current year	1,511.8	1,652.9	1,682.7	1,690.6
10 Capital assets - previous year	1,450.2	1,511.8	1,652.9	1,682.7
11 Unadjusted capital assets - average	1,481.0	1,582.4	1,667.8	1,686.7
12 less: Average net assets not in use	(1.6)	=	=	=
13 Capital assets - average	1,479.4	1,582.4	1,667.8	1,686.7
14				
15 Cash working capital allowance	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6
16 Fuel	50.9	38.8	42.7	44.7
17 Materials and supplies	24.7	25.6	25.7	26.4
18 Deferred charges	65.5	63.0	60.7	58.0
19	<u></u>			
20 Average rate base	1,625.8	1,715.2	1,802.4	1,821.4
21				
22 Unadjusted return on regulated equity	28.8	44.5	42.9	31.4
23 add: Cost of service exclusions	0.2	-	-	=
24 Net interest	89.4	74.9	74.6	80.5
25 Return on rate base	118.5	119.4	117.5	111.9
26				
27 Rate of return on rate base	7.3%	7.0%	6.5%	6.1%

A Asset retirement obligation costs are not funded through debt or Hydro funds, but are to be fully recovered from rate payers over the life of the asset retirement obligation through depreciation. As such, Hydro removed these costs from rate base.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Financial Results and Forecasts Rate Stabilization Plan (\$millions)

	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Current rate stabilization plan				
2 Hydraulic	(31.2)	(31.8)	(32.8)	(33.5)
3 Utility	(6.7)	27.7	40.6	50.4
4 Industrial	1.1	3.6	7.7	9.0
5 Industrial surplus	(2.8)	-	-	-
6 Total	(39.5)	(0.5)	15.5	25.9
7			<u> </u>	
8 Combined rate stabilization plan balances	(39.5)	(0.5)	15.5	25.9
9				
10 Average fuel cost per barrel	\$ 101.60	\$ 95.11	\$ 97.98	\$ 100.00

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Financial Results and Forecasts Revenue Requirement Analysis (\$millions)

	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 Revenue requirement				
2 Energy sales	598.0	618.6	637.9	638.5
3 Other revenue	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5
4 Total revenue requirement	600.4	621.0	640.3	641.0
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6 Expenses				
7 Operating expenses	116.8	120.1	123.7	127.1
21 Fuels	246.5	256.8	265.1	265.0
26 Power purchases	59.2	58.7	58.9	58.5
27 Amortization	56.1	62.1	71.2	74.6
28 Accretion of asset retirement obligation	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
29 Loss on disposal	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0
30 Expenses before cost of service exclusions	482.1	501.6	522.8	529.1
31 less: cost of service exclusions	(0.2)	-	-	-
32	481.9	501.6	522.8	529.1
33				
34 Return on rate base	118.5	119.4	117.5	111.9
35				
36 Average rate base	1,625.8	1,715.2	1,802.4	1,821.4
37				
38 Rate of return on rate base	7.3%	7.0%	6.5%	6.1%