

IN-NLH-123  
2013 NLH General Rate Application

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1    Q.    **Re: Application, p. 6**

2            Please provide copies of all government directives to the Board concerning NLH  
3            rates which are currently in effect.

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6    A.    Please see IN-NLH-123 Attachments 1 through 10.

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2003/07/08

OC2003-347

MC2003-0226. ME2003-008; TBM2003-149.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electric Power Control Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council hereby directs the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to:

- i) continue to charge fish plants in diesel-serviced communities and with demand of 30 kilowatts or more the Island interconnected electricity rate;
- ii) continue to charge churches and community halls in diesel-serviced communities the diesel domestic electricity rate and to continue to charge to the various customer groups in diesel communities, rates calculated on the same basis as existing practice;
- iii) continue the allocation of a monthly block of energy for domestic residential customers in diesel-serviced communities, and that such service be priced at Newfoundland Power's interconnected domestic electricity rate. The monthly lifeline block should be satisfactory to provide for the necessary monthly household requirements, excluding space heating. Subsequent monthly energy blocks for these customers to be charged incrementally higher rates as historically structured and determined. Such rates would increase as per any percentage increase to Island interconnected rates for Newfoundland Power customers;
- iv) proceed, as the Public Utilities Board determines appropriate, with implementation of a demand/energy rate structure for general service (commercial) customers in diesel communities, where such customers currently pay the diesel general service electricity rate. While the rate changes can include elimination of the lifeline block for these general service customers, the new rates should target the current cost recovery level for these customers;
- v) continue to fund the financial deficit resulting from providing electrical service to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's rural customers through the electricity rates charged to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's other electricity customers, including its Labrador interconnected retail customers and Newfoundland Power, but excluding the industrial

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customers;

- vi) ensure Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's communication to its retail customers, regarding rate changes and customer impacts, is carried out in a timely and suitable manner; and,
- vii) continue to charge the preferential electricity rates historically charged to provincial government facilities, including schools, health facilities and government agencies, in rural isolated diesel serviced communities and the Burgeo school and library.

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(Forwarded August 14, 2003 - To replace OC2003-347 previously forwarded)

OC2003-406

MC2003-0258, ME2003-013, JUS2003-026, EPC2003-028.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is pleased to direct the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to:

- i) adopt a policy that a utility's costs, relative to projects exempted from the Public Utilities Act and the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994 by Order in Council, shall be recovered fully in appropriate rates, unless otherwise directed on a specified project; and,
- ii) that costs related to the Lower Churchill Development Project will be excluded from such policy directive.

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2006/12/06

OC2006-512

MC2006-0581, XX2006-091.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Control Power Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council hereby directs the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to adopt a policy for Non-Government Rural Isolated Domestic and General Service customers of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro that:

- i) any change in rates charged to these customers shall be equal to the change approved for equivalent rate classes of Newfoundland Power customers on or after January 1, 2007;
- ii) notwithstanding (i), commencing January 1, 2008 rate changes for these customers shall be made in accordance with a two-year plan to be filed with the Board by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro during 2007 so that by January 1, 2009, rates for these customers shall be those that would have come into effect but for this directive.
- iii) The provisions of this direction do not apply to rates to be established for these customers following a subsequent general rate application of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

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2007/07/05

OC2007-304

MC2007-0454. NR2007-021; TBM2007-218.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electric Power Control Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is pleased to direct the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, upon application from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, to adopt a policy resulting in the implementation of an energy rebate to offset the costs of the monthly basic customer charge and lifeline block (or equivalent) of energy consumption for Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Labrador rural isolated diesel and Labrador Straits/L'Anse-au-Loup area residential electricity customers. This policy will bring these customers' costs for the basic customer charge and the lifeline energy block equivalent to that paid by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's residential Happy Valley – Goose Bay Labrador Interconnected electricity customers. None of the rebate or other associated costs shall be recovered through rates or charges to electricity customers. The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities will take the necessary steps to ensure implementation of this rebate to impact customer electricity bills issued on and after July 1, 2007.

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2009/01/02

OC2008-365

MC2008-0652. NR2008-055.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Control Power Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council hereby directs the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to adopt a policy for Non-Government Rural Isolated Domestic and General Service customers of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro that:

- i) any change in rates charged to these customers shall be equal to the change approved for equivalent rate classes of Newfoundland Power customers on or after January 1, 2007;
- ii) notwithstanding (i), commencing January 1, 2010 rates for these customers shall be those that would have come into effect but for this directive and directive OC2006-512;
- iii) the provisions of this direction do not apply to rates to be established for these customers following a subsequent general rate application of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

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2010/07/28

OC2010-216

MC2010-0558. NR2010-022. EPC2010-050.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is pleased to direct the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to:

- i) change Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's rate structures to adopt a policy that, upon application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, amends the Load Variation provision of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's Rate Stabilization Plan to effect a reduction in the balance of the Rate Stabilization Plan attributable to the Industrial Class load variation in the amount of \$10 million being the same amount that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador contributed to the Industrial Customer component of the Rate Stabilization Plan, as approved by the Board under Order No. P.U. 31(2006); and
- ii) adopt a policy as to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's rate structures that, upon application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for such a change in the Rate Stabilization Plan, the amount so deducted from the balance in the Industrial Customer Load Variation component to be reimbursed to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador be approved, and that there will be no changes to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's rates to its customers or deemed changes to its other costs, cost structures, or other components of the Rate Stabilization Plan, resulting from that application.

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2010/12/14

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OC2010-317

MC2010-0823.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is pleased to amend OC2010-216 to remove the words "and that there will be no changes to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's rates to its customers or deemed changes to its other costs, cost structures, or other components of the Rate Stabilization Plan, resulting from that application" from Item (ii).

OC2010-216 is hereby amended.

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2012/12/28

OC2012-329

MC2012-0522.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Control Power Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is pleased to direct the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities to adopt a policy for Non-Government Rural Isolated Domestic and General Service customers of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro that:

- i) any changes in rates charged to these customers shall be equal to changes approved for equivalent rate classes of Newfoundland Power customers on or after January 1, 2007;
- ii) notwithstanding (i), commencing January 1, 2015 rates for these customers shall be those that would have come into effect but for this directive and directives OC2006-512 and OC2008-365 and OC2009-390 and OC2010-322; and
- iii) the provisions of this directive do not apply to rates to be established for these customers following the earlier of an Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities with respect to a subsequent general rate application of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro or an application for interim rates for all customers, or December 31, 2014.

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OC2013-089

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MC2013-0238. NR2013-011. EPC2013-020.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is pleased to direct the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities that:

- 1) Effective July 1, 2013, Island industrial customer rates will no longer be frozen. Effective on this date rate increases for island industrial customers will be phased in over a three year period, with funding for this phase-in to be drawn from the January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2013 accumulated Load Variation (the Rate Stabilization Plan Surplus) component of the Rate Stabilization Plan and credited to the Island industrial customer Rate Stabilization Plan effective June 30, 2013;
- 2) On June 30, 2013 the Island industrial customers' Rate Stabilization Plan will be credited with \$56.5 million, the estimated Rate Stabilization Plan amount required to phase-in industrial customer rates, based on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's General Rate Application. The remaining balance in the Rate Stabilization Plan Surplus on June 30, 2013, will be transferred to the credit of Newfoundland Power's Rate Stabilization Plan. No future adjustments will be made to these amounts credited. Effective July 1, 2013 all Island industrial customers, with the exception of Teck Resources, will be subject to the same standard industrial rate, equivalent to the existing base rate but excluding the Rate Stabilization Plan adjustment currently in place;
- 3) Teck Resources rate increase will be phased in, to a reasonable degree, in three equal annual percentage increases, and at the end of the phase-in period Teck Resources will be subject to the standard industrial rate;
- 4) Over the three year Island industrial rate phase in period, the shortfall in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's revenues when compared to revenue at the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities-approved Island industrial customer rates, shall be funded from the Island industrial customer Rate Stabilization Plan;

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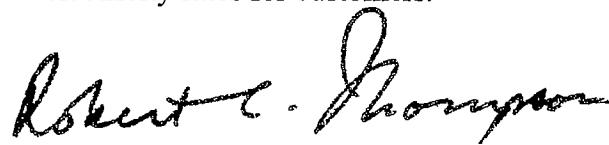


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- 5) Notwithstanding Items 1) through 4) above, effective January 1, 2014, the Island industrial customers will be subject to Rate Stabilization Plan rate changes in accordance with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities-approved methodology;
- 6) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's General Rate Application process shall include a Rate Stabilization Plan surplus refund plan to ratepayers. The refund plan shall comprise direct payments or rebates to ratepayers and shall not be in the form of an electricity rate adjustment. This refund plan will exclude Island industrial customers who will receive Rate Stabilization Plan surplus funds through the three year phase-in of new rates. The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities shall make the final determination on the details of the refund to remaining ratepayers;
- 7) Newfoundland Power's portion of the Rate Stabilization Plan Surplus shall be distributed as a direct payment or rebate to its ratepayers and shall not be in the form of an electricity rate adjustment; and
- 8) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's General Rate Application shall be based on a 2013 test year in the determination of new electricity rates for customers.



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Amended by OC2013-207

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OC2013- 207

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2013/07/16

MC2013- 0359. XX2013-048. MC2013-0238. OC2013-089.

Under the authority of section 5.1 of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor in Council is pleased to amend OC2013-089 by:

- a) deleting the date “June 30, 2013” wherever it appears and substituting therefor the date “August 31, 2013”;
- b) deleting the date “July 1, 2013” wherever it appears and substituting therefor the date “September 1, 2013”; and
- c) deleting the words “\$56.5 million” wherever they appear and substituting therefor the words “\$49 million”.

OC2013-089 is hereby amended.

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