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Dear Mr. Young:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2013 General Rate Application

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-NLH-351 to PUB-NLH-358 regarding the above-noted application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, via jgylmn@pub.nl.ca or (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF**
2 the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*,
3 SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "*EPCA*")
4 and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,
5 Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*"), as amended; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** a General Rate
8 Application (the "*Application*") by
9 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to
10 establish customer electricity rates for 2014.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-NLH-351 to PUB-NLH-358

Issued: December 17, 2013

- 1 **PUB-NLH-351** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-063, confirm that the ROE of 4.47%
2 was the result of a negotiated settlement among the parties and explain how in
3 its agreement on an ROE of 4.47% consideration was given by Hydro to the
4 comments made by DBRS in 2003 and 2005 which are referred to in the
5 response.
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- 7 **PUB-NLH-352** Further to the response to CA-NLH-003, explain in detail how increasing the
8 range in the return on rate base to ± 25 basis points increases Hydro's risk.
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- 10 **PUB-NLH-353** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-138, provide the number of FTEs for
11 each of Hydro and Nalcor that report to each Nalcor position included on the
12 organization charts.
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- 14 **PUB-NLH-354** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-228(Revision 1, Nov 7-13), provide a
15 detailed explanation for the reduction in hours for the Nalcor Leadership
16 Team for 2011 and 2012 from 2010 and the reduction forecast from 2013 to
17 2014.
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- 19 **PUB-NLH-355** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-230, provide the hours spent by the
20 Vice-President, Hydro and the Vice-President, Systems Operations and
21 Planning in 2011, 2012 and forecast for 2013 to 2015 for support of non-
22 Hydro operations.
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- 24 **PUB-NLH-356** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-304, provide the rationale for the
25 inclusion of short term incentive payments of \$224,564 in the 2013 Test Year
26 Revenue Requirement given that such payments were not previously included
27 in Hydro's costs recovered from customers.
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- 29 **PUB-NLH-357** Further to the response to PUB-NLH-305, explain why merit-based re-
30 earnable cash payments of \$254,372 are included in the 2013 Test Year
31 Revenue Requirement as a cost to be recovered from customers.
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- 33 **PUB-NLH-358** Further to the response to NP-NLH-20, which indicates that assumptions used
34 included rates from the 2013 GRA being effective until December 31, 2014
35 and the years 2015 to 2017 being test years, state when Hydro plans to file a
36 GRA subsequent to the 2013 GRA and what year will be used as the test year
37 in that GRA.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 17th day of December, 2013.

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Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary