

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** an application by
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval
9 of capital expenditures and for deferral of lease costs
10 associated with the installation of diesel units at the
11 Holyrood Thermal Generating Station for the purpose
12 of black start, pursuant to sections 41, 49, 78 and 80
13 of the *Act*.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-NLH-26 to PUB-NLH-29

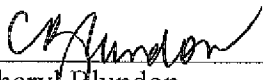
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- 1 **PUB-NLH-26** Further to the response to NP-NLH-008 as the new combustion turbine
 2 project is proceeding with an expected in service date of December 7,
 3 2014, state the value of the capitalized assets proposed in the Application
 4 that will continue to be utilized by Hydro.
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- 6 **PUB-NLH-27** The response to NP-NLH-019 states that "*Prior to January 2012, the
 7 Holyrood gas turbine was available for blackstart functionality*" and the
 8 response to PUB-NLH-024 states that "*There was no action taken in 2010
 9 and 2011 as the Holyrood gas turbine was still available for blackstart
 10 power during that period*". The response to PUB-NLH-014 states that
 11 "*Blackstart testing was not performed in 2010 or 2011 as the gas turbine
 12 was deemed to be used for emergency purposes only*". However, the
 13 amended Application, paragraph 3, states that a stop work order was
 14 placed on the unit in 2011 which was amended in February 2011 to make
 15 the unit available only in emergency conditions. Also, in the response to
 16 IC-NLH-26, Attachment 1, page 1, in the 2011 Capital Budget
 17 Application, Hydro stated that in March of 2010 a directive was issued
 18 preventing the gas turbine from being operated and that there had been
 19 unsuccessful repair attempts in an effort to get the directive cancelled.
 20 Please provide a detailed explanation of the conflicting information
 21 provided in these responses. In the response provide the date the stop work
 22 order was first issued with respect to the Holyrood gas turbine, the date it
 23 was amended to allow its use for emergency purposes and the date it was
 24 cancelled. Also provide copies of the directives that were issued.
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- 26 **PUB-NLH-28** Further to the response to NP-NLH-022, Attachment 1, pages 58-59,
 27 which lists certain maintenance work on the Holyrood gas turbine that was
 28 overdue, please explain why Hydro did not complete this recommended
 29 maintenance work and what impact completion of the recommended work
 30 would have had on the condition of the unit.
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- 32 **PUB-NLH-29** Further to the response to CA-NLH-001 why did Hydro proceed to locate
 33 Newfoundland Power's mobile generation at Holyrood if the motor
 34 starting analysis showed marginal results?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 2nd day of October 2014.

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 Board Secretary