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## Via Electronic Mail and Courier

Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention:

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon, Director of Corporate Services

and Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re:

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2015 Interim Rates Application

Requests for Information TIR-IC-NLH-1 to TIR-IC-NLH-6

In relation to the above noted application please find enclosed one (1) original and twelve (12) copies of the Requests for Information of the Island Industrial Customers Group numbered TIR-IC-NLH-1 to TIR-IC-NLH-6

We trust the foregoing is found to be in order.

Yours truly,

Stewart McKelvey

Paul L. Coxworthy

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**Enclosures** 

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IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, R.S.N.L. 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, R.S.N.L. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), and regulations thereunder;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, pursuant to Sections 70 and 75 of the Act, for the approval of customer electricity rates, rules and regulations on an interim basis to become effective March 1, 2015 (the "2015 Interim Rates Application").

## ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS GROUP REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TIR-IC-NLH-1 to TIR-IC-NLH-6

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1 2 3		REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION OF THE ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS GROUP TIR-IC-NLH-1 to TIR-IC-NLH-6
4 5 6 7	TIR-IC-NLH-1	Please provide revised version of Table 2 (page 9, 2015 Interim Rates Application Evidence) using 2016 forecast billing determinants for the "January 1, 2016" and "September 1, 2016" columns.
8 9 10 11 12 13 14	TIR-IC-NLH-2	Please provide revised versions of Table 2 and Table 3 (page 9, 2015 Interim Rates Application Evidence) assuming the IC RSP current plan balance of \$6.8 million by end of 2014 would be recovered over a two-year period as proposed by Hydro in the 2013 Amended GRA Application (Section 4.6.5: Phase-in of Island Industrial Customer Rates).
15 16	TIR-IC-NLH-3	Please confirm that the updated fuel price will also have impact to the rate base through lower fuel inventory cost.
17 18 19 20 21	TIR-IC-NLH-4	Please provide revised versions of Tables 2 and 3 (page 9, 2015 Interim Rates Application Evidence) and a comparison of the rates being sought for Newfoundland Power (NP) and IC for March 1, 2015 for each of the following scenarios:
22 23		a. Hydro's proposal per the January 28, 2015 Interim Rate Application.

1 2 3 4 5 6		b.	An alternative scenario where only \$2.1 million of the load variation credit is allocated to the IC and no other allocation of the deferred load variation is undertaken at this time (i.e., the remainder stays as a segregated, deferred balance in the RSP). All other proposals as per Hydro's interim rate application.
7 8 9		C.	An alternative scenario where no allocation of the load variation credit in the RSP is undertaken at this time.
10 11 12	TIR-IC-NLH-5	defer	se provide an estimate of the division of the current red load variation balance between customer classes the following scenarios:
13 14		a.	Divided based on energy ratios for 2015 forecast consumption.
15 16 17 18 19		b.	Divided based on a first allocation to eliminate any negative balances in the RSP as at December 31, 2014 (amounts owing from customers) and the remainder allocated based on 2015 forecast energy ratios.
20 21 22		C.	Divided based on the same ratio as the Government directed allocation of the pre-Sept 2013 load variation balance.
23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		d.	Divided only to address RSP negative balances as of Dec 31, 2014, and the remainder used for common benefit of Hydro's customers to address rate impacts not yet addressed as part of the GRA base rates (e.g., 2014 revenue deficiency, 2015 shortfalls for January and February, CDM balances otherwise proposed to be collected via rider, reliability hearing and capacity assistance costs not yet proposed for recovery that are expected to be recovered through future riders, etc.).
33 34 35 36 37 38 39	TIR-IC-NLH-6	approvoleto approved to a contract of the cont	confirm that an interim order of the Board that wes only (a) a \$2.1 million allocation of the deferred ariation provision to the IC, (b) the one-time transfers phase-in funds as proposed by Hydro, and (c) a nation of the NP RSP fuel rider as of March 1, 2015, the same rate impact outcomes as sought by Hydro wer allocation commitments by the Board at this time.

**DATED** at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

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