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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's Application for 2015 Interim Rates for March 1, 2015

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the Request for Information of the Nunatsiavut Government in respect of the above-noted Application.

We have provided a copy of this correspondence together with the enclosures to all the concerned parties.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Geoffrey P. Young, Senior Legal Counsel, Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro Gerard Hayes, Senior Counsel, Newfoundland Power

Thomas O'Reilly, Q.C., Cox & Palmer Edward Hearn, Q.C., Miller & Hearn Thomas Johnson, O'Dea Earle Yvonne Jones, MP Labrador Senwung Luk, Olthuis, Leer, Townshend LLP Paul Coxworthy, Stewart McKelvey 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").

## NUNATSIVUT GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TIR-NG-NLH-1

ISSUED: February 6, 2015

## Background

1. There are different categories of electricity consumers in the Nunatsiavut region of Labrador, and different types of electricity charges.

2. The electricity rate structure and rates that apply to different categories of electricity customers and different types of electricity charges are subject to a complex series of conventions, Public Utility Board decisions, provincial government directives, market conditions and other factors that have evolved over years.

3. To be adequately informed in making interventions concerning the 2015 Interim Rate Application made by the Newfoundland Labrador Hydro, the Nunatsiavut Government requires a clear and unambiguous presentation of the Interim Rate Application's specific impact on electricity rates that various categories of electricity customers are projected to face in 2015 in relation to various types of electricity charges.

4. Due to reductions in diesel fuel prices over the past several months, Newfoundland Labrador Hydro has expressed that the 2015 Interim Rate Application is projected to reduce electricity rates for customers. However, the Nunatsiavut Government wishes to understand what the rate impact would be on various categories of customers in a diesel fuel cost scenario at average 2014 fuel prices, under the rate structure proposed in the 2015 Interim Rate Application. This is not an abstract exercise. Fuel prices vary, and could potential rise again to levels experienced in 2014, or higher. Understanding the impact of the 2015 Interim Rate Application structure under a higher than-is-currently-the-case diesel fuel price scenario represents prudent due diligence.

5. Finally, the Nunatsiavut Government requires this information to consider interventions it may entertain regarding the longer term rate application that shall be considered by the Public Utilities Board in due course.

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That Newfoundland Labrador Hydro provide information on electricity rates for various customer categories and types of charges as specified in the chart below for: a) 2014 rates and charges; b) projected 2015 rates under the 2015 Interim Rate Application; and c) electricity rates and charges in a scenario assuming the 2015 Interim Rate Application structure and 2014 average diesel fuel prices.

For purposes of consistency, all rates / charges presented shall: a) include all municipal taxes and applicable rate stabilization adjustments; b) shall not include HST;

CUSTOMER CATEGORY / CHARGE TYPE	2014 Electricity Rates/Charges	Projected 2015 Electricity Rates / Charges Under the 2015 Interim Rate Application	Electricity Rates / Charges Rate in a Scenario Assuming 2015 Interim Rate Application Structure & 2014 Average Diesel Fuel Prices
DOMESTIC DIESEL CATEGORY			
Basic Customer Charge			
Exceeding 200 Amp Service			
Energy Charge: First Block			
Energy Charge: Second Block			
Energy Charge: Over 1000 kWh			
GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL 0-10 kWh			
Basic Customer Charge			
Energy Charge (all kWh)			
Minimum Monthly Charge (Single Phase)			
Minimum Monthly Charge (Three Phase)			
GENERAL SERVICE DIESEL OVER 10 kWh	en agresia activa para territoria. Para como estre per para filoso		
Basic Customer Charge			
Demand Charge			
Energy Charge (all kWh)			
Minimum Monthly Charge (Single Phase)			
Minimum Monthly Charge (Three Phase)			

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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