

August 25, 2014

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 12040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro 2015 Capital Budget Application

Please find enclosed the original and twelve (12) copies of the Consumer Advocate's Intervenor's Submission in relation to the above noted Capital Budget Application.

A copy of the letter, together with enclosures, has been forwarded directly to the parties listed below.

If you have any questions regarding the filing, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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THOMAS JOHNSON

TJ/cel Encl.

CC:

Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro

Attention: Geoffrey P. Young, Senior Legal Counsel

Newfoundland Power

Attention: Gerard Hayes, Senior Legal Counsel/Liam P. O'Brien

Island Industrial Customers

Attention: Paul Coxworthy, Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N.L. 1990, c. P-47 (the "*Act*"); and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) for an Order approving: (1) its 2015 capital budget pursuant to s. 41(1) of the *Act*; (2) its 2015 capital purchases, and construction projects in excess of \$50,000 pursuant to s. 41(3)(a) of the *Act*; (3) its leases in excess of \$5,000 pursuant to s. 41(3)(b) of the *Act*; and (4) its estimated contributions in aid of construction for 2015 pursuant to s. 41(5) of the Act.

**TO**: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board")

#### INTERVENOR'S SUBMISSION

#### General

1. The Consumer Advocate wishes to intervene in the Application.

### Interests of the Consumer Advocate

2. The Consumer Advocate represents the interests of domestic and general electricity customers of both utilities operating in the Province and therefore has an interest in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's proposed capital expenditures for 2015.

### Disposition Advocated by the Consumer Advocate

3. It would be premature for the Consumer Advocate to advocate a particular disposition of the Application at this time as the Consumer Advocate's review of the Application is continuing at this time.

## **Facts and Reasons Supporting Intervention**

4. The reason for the Consumer Advocate's intervention is to receive and consider materials filed in support of the Application so as to be in a position to assess whether the record before the Board indicates that Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's proposed capital expenditures for 2015 are reasonably necessary for Hydro to meet its obligations to provide electrical service as required by the *Act*.

# Participation of the Consumer Advocate

5. In light of the Consumer Advocate's ongoing review of the Application, the Consumer Advocate cannot state at this time whether or not he shall present evidence in relation to the Application. The Consumer Advocate may wish to participate in technical conferences, file requests for information and to avail of the right to cross-examine witnesses or to submit argument at a public hearing of the Application, all as the circumstances may require.

**DATED** at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 2014.

day of August,

THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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