

IN THE MATTER OF
the *Public Utilities Act*, (the “*Act*”)

AND

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an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for an Order:

- 1) approving its 2008 capital budget, pursuant to s.41(1) of the *Act*;
- 2) approving its 2008 capital purchases, and construction projects in excess of \$50,000, pursuant to s.41(3)(a) of the *Act*;
- 3) approving its estimated contributions in aid of construction for 2008, pursuant to s. 41(5) of the *Act* ; and
- 4) fixing and determining its average rate base for 2006, pursuant to s. 78 of the *Act*.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-NLH-103.0 to PUB-NLH-126.0

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Page B-170, Application Enhancements, Corporate Systems, \$298,000

PUB –NLH 103.0 Please amend the table on page B-172 to include Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007.

Page B-175, Corporate Application Environment, \$290,000

PUB –NLH 104.0 How does the first item, Lotus Notes Upgrade, on page B-176 relate to item 4, Lotus Notes Change Management, found on page B-172?

PUB –NLH 105.0 Please amend the table on page B-177 to include Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007.

Page B-178, End User Evergreening Program, \$451,400

PUB –NLH 106.0 Please amend the table on page B-180 to include Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007.

Page B-181, Upgrade Enterprise Storage Capacity, \$261,700

PUB –NLH 107.0 Please update the table on page B-182 to include Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007.

Page B-183, Replace Peripheral Infrastructure, \$159,000

PUB –NLH 108.0 Please update the table on page B-184 to include Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007.

Page B-185, Video Conferencing, \$139,900

PUB –NLH 109.0 Please provide a cost benefit analysis to support the installation of video conferencing equipment at the three locations chosen for this project.

Page B-189, Server Technology Program, \$241,000

PUB –NLH 110.0 Please update the table on page B-191 to include Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007.

Page B-192, Public Address System, \$1,139,100

PUB –NLH 111.0 Please explain why this project would be considered Mandatory at this time.

PUB –NLH 112.0 What is considered to be the length of useful life of the existing system, according to the manufacturer?

PUB –NLH 113.0 Please detail, if possible, examples of why the system should be extended to cover areas not covered by the current system.

PUB –NLH 114.0 Please provide a cost benefit analysis of all options that were considered in putting forward this project.

Page B-195, Replace Power Line Carrier, \$466,300

PUB –NLH 115.0 Please provide an example, including the effect on reliability statistics that could occur, of the consequences of a failure of the Power Line Carrier on TL-212.

PUB –NLH 116.0 In 2005-2007 have there been an instances where failure of the Power Line Carrier on this line has had an impact on service.

Page B-197, Replace Remote Terminal Units, \$318,800

PUB –NLH 117.0 Please update the table found on page B-197 to include the Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007, the number of units replaced in each year, and the average actual cost per unit.

Page B-199, Refurbish Microwave Site, \$202,200

PUB –NLH 118.0 Please provide an engineering report which details the current condition of the site.

Page B-200, Replace Dial Backup System, \$201,300

PUB –NLH 119.0 What indications, from maintenance, from engineering staff, or from other utilities, would cause Hydro to believe that the dial backup modems and switching equipment must be replaced at this time?

Page B-205, Replace Network Communications Equipment, \$130,600

PUB –NLH 120.0 Please update the table found on page B-205 to include the Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007, the number of units replaced in each year, and the average actual cost per unit.

Page B-210, Replace Vehicle and Aerial Devices, \$1,826,000

PUB –NLH 121.0 Please update the table found on page B-205 to include the Budget and Forecast Actual figures for 2007, the number of units replaced in each year, and the average actual cost per unit.

Page B-216, Install Computer Room Inergen Fire Protection System, \$115,700

PUB –NLH 122.0 How long has Hydro been using the current pre-action sprinkler system to protect the Information Systems Computer Room from fire?

PUB –NLH 123.0 Please describe the Inergen fire suppression system and explain how its operation can extinguish a fire with no collateral damage to the computer equipment.

Page B-217, Safety Hazards Removal, \$252,300

PUB –NLH 124.0 Why is it considered Mandatory to undertake this project at this time?

PUB –NLH 125.0 Please provide a thorough description, including a copy of the report on the hazards identified, of the Safe Work Observation Program.

PUB –NLH 126.0 Will any of the issues identified in this program be dealt with in the Installation of Fall Arrest Equipment outlined on B-162?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 13th day of September 2007.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Barbara Thistle
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