

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 84 to PUB-NLH-102

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Page B-138, Upgrade Ventilation System, \$216,500

PUB-NLH 84.0 What are the recommended safe limits as identified by the Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists?

PUB-NLH 85.0 Please provide details from 2006–2007 on any instances where these recommended safe limits were exceeded.

Page B-140, Construct Diesel Plant Extension, \$176,700

PUB-NLH 86.0 What is the maximum number of people who use the office at any time?

PUB-NLH 87.0 Please provide a diagram of the layout of the space as it is currently being used?

Page B-142, Replace Fire Alarm System, \$168,000

PUB-NLH 88.0 What is the age of the fire alarm system at Hopedale?

PUB-NLH 89.0 At each of the plants described in this project, what method of response is in place to deal with any fire that triggers the system?

Page B-144, Install Storage Ramp, \$135,400

PUB-NLH 90.0 Using the experience of the ramps installed in Bishop's Falls and Bay D'Espoir please provide a cost benefit analysis to illustrate the value of installing new ramps in the Port Saunders and Holyrood yards.

Page B-153, Install Automatic Meter Reading, \$566,600

PUB-NLH 91.0 Please provide the details of the cumulative NPV analysis to the year 2022 undertaken for this project.

Page B-162, Installation of Fall Arrest Equipment, \$404,500

PUB-NLH 92.0 Why has the program of installation of fall arrest equipment been extended from a four-year program to a five-year program?

PUB-NLH 93.0 Have the standards which originally guided the program changed since its inception? If so, how?

Page B-164, Replace Boom 6069 on Track Vehicle, \$236,000

PUB-NLH 94.0 Please provide the detailed cost benefit analysis undertaken for this project.

Page B-166, Application Enhancements, Work Protection Code, \$678,100

PUB-NLH 95.0 From the sentence found on page 1, Section 8, Tab 8: “Since 1998, throughout the corporation there have been 3,175 losses and near misses....”, please define “losses” and “near misses” as used in this context.

PUB-NLH 96.0 When was this particular software developed?

PUB-NLH 97.0 How many hydro plants are currently using this specialized software?

PUB-NLH 98.0 Is there other software that is being used in hydro plants in North America to perform essentially the same function?

PUB-NLH 99.0 What standards, legislative or other, exist that require the installation and implementation of this software in this time frame?

PUB-NLH 100.0 Please provide, if available, a cost benefit analysis that supports the evaluation of the three alternatives.

PUB-NLH 101.0 What is the anticipated life expectancy of this software?

PUB-NLH 102.0 Over the five-year period from 2009-2013, what is expected to be the annual expenditure to support and upgrade this software?

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Per _____
Barbara Thistle
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