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October 21, 2011

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

Attention:

G. Cheryl Blundon

Director of Corporate Services

and Board Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: 2012 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Capital Budget Application

Please find enclosed the original and 8 copies of Newfoundland Power's Requests for Information in relation to Phase II of the 2012 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Capital Budget Application.

For convenience, the Requests for Information are provided on three-hole punched paper.

A copy of this letter, together with enclosures, has been forwarded directly to the parties listed below. An electronic copy in pdf format will follow.

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

Yours very truly,

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#### IN THE MATTER OF

The *Electrical Power Control Act*, RSNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "EPCA") and the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N.L. 1990, Chapter P-47, as amended, (the "Act"); and

# **IN THE MATTER OF** an application (the "Application") by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for an Order:

- (1) approving the 2012 capital budget, pursuant to s.41(1) of the Act;
- (2) approving its 2012 capital purchases, and construction projects in excess of \$50,000, pursuant to s.41(3)(a) of the Act;
- (3) approving its leases in excess of \$5,000, pursuant to s.41(3) of the Act
- (4) approving its estimated contributions in aid of construction for 2012, pursuant to s.41(5) of the Act; and
- (5) fixing and determining its average rate base for 2010, pursuant to s.78 of the Act.

# Phase II Requests for Information by Newfoundland Power Inc.

P2-NP-NLH-1 to P2-NP-NLH-3

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### **Requests for Information**

Reference: Technical Conference Phase II Presentation NO. 1 - Holyrood

Condition Assessment Technical Conference, pages 10 and 12; Capital

Plan, page A-7.

P2-NP-NLH-1 With respect to the assets required for synchronous condenser operation of

the Holyrood plant beyond 2020, has Hydro evaluated alternatives to the proposed \$15 million auxiliary boiler for the plant heating system, which requires the additional expense of maintaining cooling water systems (including pump houses and the waste water treatment plant) beyond the

shutdown of thermal operation of the plant?

Reference: Technical Conference Phase II Presentation NO. 1 - Holyrood

Condition Assessment Technical Conference, page 13.

P2-NP-NLH-2 Please describe the organization structure and identify the 38 positions

indicated as required to operate the Holyrood plant beyond 2020 as a

synchronous condenser operation only.

P2-NP-NLH-3 Has Hydro undertaken, or if not does it plan to undertake, a cost analysis

to determine whether establishing the required synchronous condenser capacity for operation of the DC link would be least-cost if sited other

than at the Holyrood plant?

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2011.

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