

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

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for an
Order approving: (1) its 2012 capital budget
pursuant to s. 41(1) of the Act; (2) its 2012 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 2012 pursuant to s. 41 (5)
of the Act and for an Order pursuant to s. 78 of
the Act fixing and determining its average rate
base for 2010.

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Attention: Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon,

Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary

P3-CA-NLH-01 Has Hydro sought input from an independent consultant to review
this project and to consider any alternatives to the same? If not, why
not?

P3-CA-NLH-02 The report and recommendations only provide for transmission
system upgrades from the Bay d'Espoir to the Western Avalon section
of the 230 kV transmission system. Any necessary upgrades to the

transmission system from Western Avalon to St. John's are suggested to be included in the 2013 Capital Budget. Is it anticipated that a later decision around upgrades to St. John's will affect the current proposed project?

P3-CA-NLH-03 What is included in the material supply (i.e. pole, conductors, insulators, etc.)? Are the materials for the upgrades of the two Substations included?

P3-CA-NLH-04 Is the cost of the 153 Mvar capacity bank for Come-by-Chance referred to in the report, (page 34), included in total estimated cost of \$209,376,300?

P3-CA-NLH-05 What is included in Labour? What is in Contract Work? (Page 40)

P3-CA-NLH-06 Steel Poles are proposed for the new 230 kV line. Have composite poles been considered as an alternative?

P3-CA-NLH-07 In respect of the malfunctions on the old insulators on the existing kV line, what are the costs for insulator replacements?

DATED at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 17th day of October, 2011.

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