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August 26, 2013

Public Utilities Board P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention: Sara Kean, Assistant Board Secretary and Records Administration

Re: General Rate Application

Dear Sir:

For your information, please find enclosed an Application to Become an Intervenor for filing with the Board.

Yours truly,

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Edward M. Hearn, Q.C. EMH/cc Enclosure:

cc.: Geoff Young, Senior Legal Counsel Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

> Thomas Johnson, Consumer Advocate O'Dea Earle

IN THE MATTER OF the

Public Utilities Act, (R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P – 47 as amended (the "Act")

AND IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate Application (the "Application") by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approvals of, under Section 70 of the Act, changes in the rates to be charged for the supply of power and energy to Customers on the Labrador Interconnected System.

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TO:

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board")

THE APPLICATION of the Towns of Labrador City, Wabush and Happy Valley-Goose Bay says:

- 1. The Applicant Intervenors seek the approval of the Board to intervene, to obtain an Order from the Board that the proposed rate increases for customers in the Labrador Interconnected System by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro are not warranted and that the application for rate increases for customers on the Labrador Interconnected System be denied; or in the alternative that the proposed rate increases for customers on the Labrador Interconnected System be reduced to only the amount required to allow Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to earn an appropriate rate of return on equity, recover its investments over a reasonable amortization period and make an appropriate contribution to the rural deficit.
- 2. The ground of this Application is that:

The proposed rate increases for customers on the Labrador Interconnected System are not warranted to provide Hydro with an appropriate rate of return on equity, to allow Hydro to recover the costs of its investments on the Labrador Interconnected System over a reasonable amortization period and to provide a proportionate contribution to the rural deficit;

- 3. The Applicant Intervenors intend to call expert evidence to support their argument.
- 4. The Applicant Intervenors are seeking the cost of their intervention.

Dated at Labrador City, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this <u>\$6</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2013.

Edward M. Hearn, Q.C. Miller & Hearn 450 Avalon Drive P.O. Box 129 Labrador City, NL A2V 2K3 Solicitor for the Towns of Labrador City, Wabush and Happy Valley-Goose Bay, the Proposed Intervenors