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Attention: Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's 2013 General Rate Hearing – Requests for Information with respect to expert reports

Please find enclosed the original plus twelve copies of the Innu Nation's requests for information with respect to expert reports, in respect of the above noted Application. A copy of this letter and enclosure will also be couriered directly to the parties listed below.

If you have any questions about the enclosed, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure

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House of Commons Confederation Building, Room 682 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 Attention: Yvonne Jones, MP, Labrador IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*, RSN 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act"): and

IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate Application (the Application) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approvals of, under Section 70 of the Act, changes in the rates to be charged for the power of and energy Newfoundland Power, Rural Customers and Industrial Customers; and under Section 71 of the Act, changes in the Rules and Regulations applicable to the supply of electricity to Rural Customers.

## REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ON EXPERT EVIDENCE THE NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD

IN-PUB-3

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- 1 IN-PUB-3 Re: Report of J.W. Wilson & Associates, Part IV: CFB Goose Bay Credit, pages 34-2 36 of 97.
- 3 The report of J.W.Wilson & Associates states at pages 35-36:

In setting new rates in this case, Hydro is proposing to fully apply the CFB Goose Bay revenue credit directly to the rural deficit. Because this revenue credit would be fully applied to the rural deficit in setting new rates, the Rural Rate Alteration calculation (Rural Labrador Interconnected Automatic Rate Adjustment) related to the Labrador Interconnected system would be removed from the RSP. See *GRA Application*, *Section 4.6.1 Hydro's Application at page 4.20*.

This treatment of the CFB Goose Bay secondary sales revenue credit benefits NP. Before 2004, the credit was used to offset the Labrador Revenue requirement. From 2004 through 2006 the credit was partially used to offset the Labrador Interconnected system's share of the rural deficit subsidy and partially to phase in uniform rates for customers on the Labrador Interconnected System. As noted above, in 2007 the credit was partially used to maintain existing (2006) rates paid by Customers on the Labrador Interconnected system and the remainder was applied directly to the rural deficit balance. In subsequent years the credit continued to be partially used to phase-in uniform rates, based on the 2007 test year revenue requirement, for all Rural customers on the Labrador Interconnected system by 2011, with the balance being directly applied to the rural deficit. Under the present filing the full CFB Goose Bay revenue credit would be applied directly to the rural deficit burden, so that a large portion of the benefit of that credit (88.7%) goes to NP. This is so because the rural deficit burden is allocated between NP and the Labrador Interconnected system in proportion to energy consumption on each system.

The combined impact of allocated cost increases and this treatment of the CFB Goose Bay revenue credit produces relatively large percentage rate increases (generally greater than 20 percent) for Labrador Interconnected System customers.

Specifically, the report states (at line 10 of the above citation) that "[t]his treatment of the CFB Goose Bay secondary sales revenue credit benefits NP". In Mr Wilson's view, is this treatment of the CFB Goose Bay revenue credit fair or equitable to Labrador customers? Why or why not?

DATED at Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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