IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act, R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (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 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.

1	REQUEST	S FOR INFORMATION OF VALE NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR LIMITED
2		V-NLH-33 to V-NLH-69
3		Issued October 28, 2013
4	V-NLH-33	Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47
5 6 7		On a monthly basis, please provide in tabular form showing the forecast demand and energy for the years 2013 to 2018 for each of NP, Island Interconnected Rural, Vale, CBPP, NARL, Praxair and Teck Resources.
8 9 10	V-NLH-34	Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47 Reference: RSP Application 2013, RFI IC-NLH-1
11 12 13 14		IC-NLH-1 shows that based on Hydro's proposed phase-in, the forecast drawdown will be \$10,698,855 for the industrial customers excluding Teck. Please provide the forecast drawdown for each of Vale, CBPP, NARL and Praxair.

- 1V-NLH-35Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, section 2.1 page 162of 47
- In the "Phase-In Industrial Customer Rates September 1, 2015"
 section, the rules state "At the end of the phase-in period, any remaining
 balance will be added to the Industrial Customers plan then in effect". If
 there is a remaining balance owing to Hydro, over what period of time is
 Hydro proposing to recover the balance?
- 8 V-NLH-36 Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47
 9 Reference: RSP Application 2013, RFI IC-NLH-1
- 10IC-NLH-1 shows that based on Hydro's proposed phase-in, the forecast11drawdown will be \$12,172,725. Based on the forecast demand and12energy, please provide the balance in the RSP Surplus that is forecasted13to be owing to Hydro on Sept. 1, 2015.
- 14V-NLH-37Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 4715Reference: RSP Application 2013, RFI IC-NLH-1
- 16Using the amount provided in V-NLH-36 for the balance in the RSP17Surplus that is forecasted to be owing to Hydro on Sept. 1, 2015, please18provide the impact this balance has on each of the industrial customers.
- 19 V-NLH-38 Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47
- 20 Please complete the following table using forecasted demand and 21 energy:
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Net Phase-In Drawdown by Industrial Customer (\$)

Industrial	Phase-In	RSP Balance	Net Drawdown	
Customer	Drawdown	Payment		
Vale				
CBPP				
NARL				
Praxair				
Teck				

- 23 Where:
- Phase-in drawdown is the amount of drawdown for each customer as provided in V-NLH-34

1 2 3 4 5		 RSP Balance Payment is the impact on each of the industrial customers due to the balance in the RSP Surplus that is forecasted to be owing to Hydro on Sept. 1, 2015 Net Drawdown is the Phase-In Drawdown less the RSP Balance Payment
6 7	V-NLH-39	Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47 Reference: Rate Stabilization Plan Monthly Report for August 2013
8 9		With reference to the August 2013 RSP Report, please confirm that the following transactions occurred:
10 11 12 13 14 15		 Load variation amount removed from the IC RSP Load variation amount removed from the NP RSP Amount of load variation allocated to the IC RSP Amount of load variation allocated to the NP RSP IC amount owing to Hydro after load variation removed IC amount available for phase-in of IC rate increases \$160,749,555 \$823,770 \$49,000,000 \$112,573,325 \$10,870,627
16 17 18	V-NLH-40	Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47 Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate Stabilization Plan, Page 4.16
19 20 21 22		It is understood that prior to Jan 1, 1986 a fuel adjustment charge (FAC) was used instead of the RSP. Please explain how the FAC functioned and comment on whether it stabilized revenue for Hydro or stabilized rates for customers.
23 24 25	V-NLH-41	Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47 Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate Stabilization Plan, Page 4.16
26 27		Did the introduction of the RSP on Jan 1, 1986 stabilize revenue for Hydro, stabilize rates for customers or both?
28 29 30	V-NLH-42	Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47 Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate Stabilization Plan, Page 4.16

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Since implementation of the RSP, please complete the following table for the Island Interconnected System for each change in the approved cost of service (COS) and for the proposed 2013 COS.

Cost of Service Data since January 1, 1986

COS	Hydraulic	No. 6	NP	IC	Rural	Total Island
Effective Date	Production	Fuel Cost (\$C/bbl)	Load	Load	Load	Interconnected Load

5V-NLH-43Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 476Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate7Stabilization Plan, Page 4.16

8 Since implementation of the RSP, please complete the following table 9 for the Island Interconnected System for each year and for the proposed 10 2013 test year.

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Actual Data since January 1, 1986

Year	Hydraulic	No. 6	NP	IC	Rural	Total Island
	Production	Fuel	Load	Load	Load	Interconnected
		Cost				Load
		(\$C/bbl)				
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- 12V-NLH-44Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 4713Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate14Stabilization Plan, Page 4.16
- 15Since implementation of the RSP, please complete the following table16for the industrial customers RSP balances at the end of each year.17Please explain all adjustments.

End-of-year RSP Balances for Industrial Customers

End-	Load	Allocation	Subtotal	Financing	Adjustment	Cumulative
of-	Variation	Fuel	Variance*	Charges	S	Net
Year	(\$)	Variance	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Balance
		(\$)				(\$)

* Subtotal Variance = Load Variation + Allocation Fuel Variance

- V-NLH-45 Reference: Rate Schedule, Section E: RSP Surplus, page 14 of 47
 Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate
 Stabilization Plan, Page 4.16
- 5 Since implementation of the RSP, please complete the following table 6 for the NP RSP balances at the end of each year. Please explain all 7 adjustments.
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End-of-year RSP Balances for Newfoundland Power

End-	Load	Allocation	Subtotal	Financing	Adjustment	Cumulative
of-	Variation	Fuel	Variance*	Charges	S	Net
Year	(\$)	Variance	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	Balance
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* Subtotal Variance = Load Variation + Allocation Fuel Variance

- 9 V-NLH-46 Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate 10 Stabilization Plan, Pages 4.17 – 4.20
- 11For the Island Interconnected System, please complete the table for12each source of purchased power and for diesel / gas turbine generation.13Include all years that power was purchased.

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Annual Energy Purchased

Year	Wind	CBPP	All	Diesel	Gas Turbine
		Cogeneration	Hydraulic Generation	Generation	Generation

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- 1V-NLH-47Reference: Section4: Rates and Regulation, Section4.6Rate2Stabilization Plan, Pages 4.17 4.20
- For each hydraulic generation station on the Island Interconnected
 System, please provide a table showing the annual power purchases.
 Include all years that power was purchased.
- 6 V-NLH-48 Reference: Section 4: Rates and Regulation, Section 4.6 Rate 7 Stabilization Plan, Pages 4.17 – 4.20

8 For each hydraulic generation station on the Island Interconnected 9 System from which power is being purchased, please provide the annual 10 average water flow through the generating station. Spillage and other 11 flows that do not go through the generator should be omitted. The flows 12 should include historical averages from all available sources, such 13 Hydro, Nalcor, the Water Resources Department, files from the owners 14 prior to the expropriation, etc.

- 15V-NLH-49Reference: Section4: Rates and Regulation, Section4.6Rate16Stabilization Plan, Pages4.17 4.2017Reference: RFI CA-NLH-075
- 18Please explain how including "Energy Supply" in the RSP is consistent19with the position of placing less emphasis on Holyrood fuel as20referenced and defended in CA-NLH-75.
- 21V-NLH-50Reference: Section 2: Regulated Activities, Table 2.17, page 2.4222Reference: Exhibit 13: 2013 Test year COS, Schedule 4.2, page 107 of23109, line 1, column 2
- 24Please reconcile the difference between the 2013 load forecast of 799025gWh in Table 2.17 and the 2013 test year COS sales plus system losses26of 6,680,800 mWh.
- 27V-NLH-51Reference: RFI V-NLH-228Reference: 2014 Capital Budget Application, Capital Budget Plan,29Appendix A, page A2
- 30Attachment 1 of V-NHL-2 lists a 2014 capital expenditure of31\$71,929,000 to upgrade transmission line corridor Bay d'Espoir to32Western Avalon. Appendix A, page A2 of the 2014 Capital Plan indicates33that \$6,370,800 will be applied for in 2014. Please explain the34discrepancy.

1 V-NLH-52 Reference: RFI V-NLH-2

2 Reference: 2014 Capital Budget Application, Capital Budget Plan,
3 Appendix A, page A2

- 4Attachment 1 of V-NHL-2 lists a 2014 capital expenditure of5\$1,210,000 to install a 20 MVAR Reactor at Bottom Brook. Appendix A,6page A9 of the 2014 Capital Plan indicates that approximately the same7amount will be applied for in 2015. Please confirm the capital budget8year.
- 9 V-NLH-53 Reference: RFI V-NLH-2 Reference: 2014 Capital Budget Application, Capital Budget Plan, Appendix A, page A2
 12 Attachment 1 of V-NHL-2 lists a 2014 capital expenditure of \$1,425,000 for Phase 1 Engineering to determine System for Synchronous Condensing - Holyrood. Please indicate where this project can be located in the 2014 Capital Budget Application.
- 16 V-NLH-54 Reference: RFI V-NLH-3
- 17Attachment 1 of V-NHL-3 indicates that purchased energy from 'NP at18Hydro Request' is in excess of 20 ¢/kWh. What is the source of19generation for this energy and under what circumstances does Hydro20request this energy?
- 21 V-NLH-55 Reference: RFI V-NLH-10
- 22 Section 1.4.1.1, page 1.20, line 8 states that inflation has averaged 2% 23 annually over the period 2007 to 2013. TRO expenses averaged an 24 increase of about 4% annually over the same period, even after 25 removing the \$1.2 million associated with the transfer of inventory and 26 stores employees. When does Hydro expect the TRO expenses to 27 decrease to at or below inflationary levels?
- 28 V-NLH-56 Reference: RFI NP-NLH-52
- 29Please provide the same information as in NP-NLH-52 for each of30Hydro's hydraulic generating stations.

- 1 V-NLH-57 Reference: RFI NP-NLH-78
- Please explain why the energy produced by the Island Interconnected
 diesel generators in 2011 was significantly higher than the other years
 in the table.
- 5 V-NLH-58 Reference: RFI PUB-NLH-6
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 7 Please explain the reason that Hydro does not have a standard 20 year purchase power agreement with Nalcor for Exploits Generation in order to stabilize price and availability.
- 10 V-NHL-59 Reference: RFI PUB-NLH-277
- 11Attachment 1 indicates that the current interest rate payable to Hydro is127.53%. Please confirm that this rate will increase to the 2013 test year13WACC when it is approved.
- 14 V-NLH-60 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001

15 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114

- 16 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- 17The COS and IN-NLH-114 indicate that the Plant in Service is18\$11,037,566. How much of this amount was capital expenditure by19Hydro and what amount was constructed by Vale? Please break the20amounts down between transmission line and terminal station.
- 21 V-NLH-61 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 22 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
- 23 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- 24Please provide a list of the assets which comprise the amount of capital25expenditure by Hydro as stated in V-NLH-063. List the assets according26to function, that is, transmission line and terminal station.
- V-NLH-62 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- 30As the \$247,748 amount found at line 2, col 10 was not explained in V-31NLH-001, please explain how it was derived, the references in the COS32or elsewhere and provide the complete and exact calculations used in33deriving this amount.

- 1 V-NLH-63 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 2 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
 3 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- The depreciation amount for Vale's transmission lines is \$4059 (line 21, col 7). The only explanation in V-NLH-001 is that "depreciation expense
 a direct cost". Please provide the depreciation method, depreciation period and the transmission line amount that is being depreciated.
- 8 V-NLH-64 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 9 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
- 10 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- 11 The depreciation amount for Vale's terminal stations is \$10,180 (line 12 21, col 8). The only explanation in V-NLH-001 is that "depreciation 13 expense is a direct cost". Please provide the depreciation method, 14 depreciation period and the terminal station amount that is being 15 depreciated.
- 16 V-NLH-65 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 17 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
- 18 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- 19The depreciation amount for Vale General is \$31,463 (line 21, col 10).20The only explanation in V-NLH-001 is that "depreciation expense is a21direct cost". Please confirm that this is a direct expense. If it is, provide22the depreciation method, depreciation period and the terminal station23amount that is being depreciated.
- 24If it is not a direct expense, please provide on one page, all the25calculations used to derive the \$31,463 amount. The calculation are to26include the total amount in line 28, col 10 of page 40 of 109, the27derivation of the three components of this total on page 31 of 109 as28well as any other calculations required to clearly understand this cost.
- 29 V-NLH-66 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 30 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
- 31 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- The OM&A amount for Vale's transmission line is \$74,063 (line 21, col 3). The explanation in V-NLH-001 is that this amount is "line 12 multiplied by line 28". Please provide on one page, all the calculations used to derive the \$401,728 amount on line 28, column 3. The calculations are to include the plant in service amounts and the total OM&A amount as well as any others used in determining the \$401,728.

- 1 V-NLH-67 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 2 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
- 3 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- 4The OM&A amount for Vale's terminal station line is \$129,727 (line 21,5col 4). The explanation in V-NLH-001 is that this amount is "line 126multiplied by line 28". Please provide on one page, all the calculations7used to derive the \$709,517 amount on line 28, column 4. The8calculations are to include the plant in service amounts and the total9OM&A amount as well as any others used in determining the \$709,517.
- 10 V-NLH-68 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 11 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
- 12 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- 13The OM&A amount for Vale's Administrative and General expense is14\$211,818 (line 21, col 5). The explanation in V-NLH-001 is that this15amount is "line 12 multiplied by line 28". Please provide on one page,16all the calculations used to derive the \$1,152,811 amount on line 28,17column 5. The calculations are to include the plant in service amounts18and the total OM&A amount as well as any others used in determining19the \$1,152,811.
- 20 V-NLH-69 Reference: RFI V-NLH-001
- 21 Reference: RFI IN-NLH-114
- 22 Reference: Exhibit 13, 2013 Test Year Cost of Service, page 40 of 109
- The OM&A amount for Vale's Other expense is \$43,958 (line 21, col 6). The explanation in V-NLH-001 is that this amount is "line 12 multiplied by line 28". Please provide on one page, all the calculations used to derive the \$239,238 amount on line 28, column 6. The calculations are to include the plant in service amounts and the total OM&A amount as well as any others used in determining the \$239,238. Also, please describe the contents of this 'Other' category.

<u>DATED</u> at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this of November, 2013.

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