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February 29, 2024

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

Attention: Jo-Anne Galarneau

**Executive Director and Board Secretary** 

Re: Application for Approval of a Contribution in Aid of Construction – Line Extension for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

Please find enclosed Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") application for approval of a Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") to be charged to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure as a General Service Customer.

Hydro has received a request for single-phase electrical service from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for a highway depot. The provision of the requested service requires Hydro to construct approximately 5,300 metres of single-phase line, as illustrated in Schedule 2 of the enclosed application.<sup>1</sup>

The CIAC calculated in accordance with Clause 5(e) of the CIAC Policy<sup>2</sup> is \$662,120.70, excluding HST. This is illustrated in the detailed calculation of the CIAC, contained in Schedule 3 to the application.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO** 

Shirley A. Walsh

Senior Legal Counsel, Regulatory

SAW/nk

Encl.

ecc:

**Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities**Jacqui H. Glynn
Board General

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The construction of the single-phase line falls within Hydro's Provide Service Extensions (2024) project, proposed in the "2024 Capital Budget Application," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, July 12, 2023, approved as per *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, c P-47, Board Order P.U. 35(2023), Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, December 21, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Contribution in Aid of Construction Policy: Distribution Line Extensions and Upgrades to General Service Customers," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, January 26, 2023 ("CIAC Policy"), Clause 5(e). https://nlhydro.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CIAC-for-Website-January-26-2023.pdf.

### Contribution in Aid of Construction

# Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Line Extension

February 29, 2024

An application to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities



**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994,* SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (*"EPCA"*) and the *Public Utilities Act,* RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (*"Act"*), and regulations thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for approval of a Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") for a line extension for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

To: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("Board")

#### THE APPLICATION OF HYDRO STATES THAT:

#### A. Background

1. Hydro is a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*.

#### B. Application

- 2. Hydro has received a request from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for single-phase electrical service to a highway depot located at the junction of Route 432 and 433 on the Great Northern Peninsula, Newfoundland. The provision of the requested service requires Hydro to construct approximately 5,300 metres of single-phase line. The request for service is attached to this application as Schedule 1; Schedule 2 to this application illustrates the approximate location of the single-phase line extension.
- 3. As illustrated in the detailed calculation contained in Schedule 3 to this application, the CIAC amount is \$662,120.70, excluding HST. Clause 5(e) of the CIAC Policy<sup>2</sup> requires detailed cost estimates to be used in place of the applicable Cost per Metre in determining the cost of a line extension or upgrade when the cost of a line extension or upgrade is estimated to be greater than \$100,000. Clause 10(i) requires Hydro to apply to the Board for approval of CIACs for line

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hydro Corporation Act, 2007, SNL 2007, c H-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Contribution in Aid of Construction Policy: Distribution Line Extensions and Upgrades to General Service Customers," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, January 26, 2023 ("CIAC Policy"), Clause 5(e), p. 6 of 12. https://nlhydro.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CIAC-for-Website-January-26-2023.pdf.

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extensions or upgrades involving CIACs where the costs of the line extension or upgrade

calculated pursuant to Clause 5(a) are estimated to be greater than \$50,000.3 The Department

of Transportation and Infrastructure has agreed with the calculation of the CIAC; the CIAC

Quote, Customer Quote Acceptance Form, and Application for Service, all of which are attached

to this application as Schedule 4.

4. The proposed expenditures on the line extension are necessary for Hydro to provide service and

facilities to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Highway Depot, which are

reasonably safe and adequate and just and reasonable, as required pursuant to Section 37 of

the *Act*.<sup>4</sup>

5. The proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure that Hydro's investment in the line extension is

compensatory over the useful life of the line extension and will not be to the detriment of

Hydro's other customers.

C. Hydro's Request

6. Hydro requests that the Board make an Order pursuant to Section 41(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> approving

the CIAC of \$662,120.70, excluding HST, as calculated under the CIAC Policy.

D. Communications

7. Communications with respect to this application should be forwarded to Shirley A. Walsh, Senior

Legal Counsel, Regulatory for Hydro.

**DATED** at St. John's in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador on this 29th day of February 2024.

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO** 

Shirley A. Walsh

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Counsel for the Applicant

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro,

500 Columbus Drive, P.O. Box 12400

St. John's, NL A1B 4K7

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<sup>3</sup> Supra, f.n. 2, Clause 10(i) at p. 8 of 12.

<sup>4</sup> Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, c P-47, s 37.

<sup>5</sup> Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, c P-47, s 41(5).

### Request for Service – General Information





## REQUEST FOR SERVICE GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

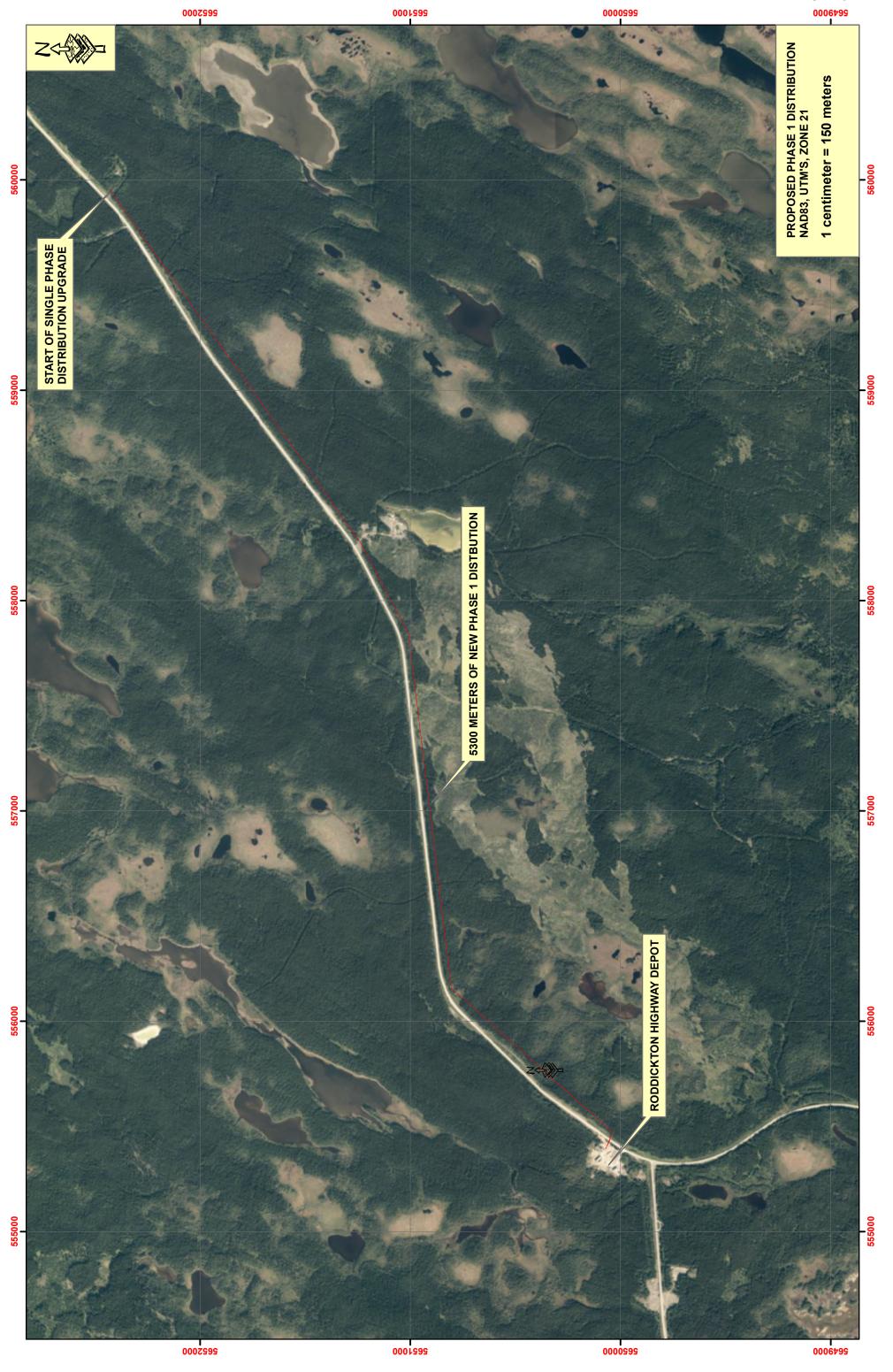
Name	Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Current Address	
Service Address	Intersection of Route 432 and Route 433, Near Roddickton
Phone Number	709-637-2496 (Ford Burden)

**GENERAL SERVICE ONLY** 1. Nature of business: Provincial Highway Depot 2. Location of Premises: Yes No Public Road Within Community Municipal or Other Plan Permanent Service 3. Single Phase Service Three Phase Service 4. Service Voltage: 5. Service Size in Amps: 600 Service Conductor Size (mcm): 300 Conductor Type: 💢 Cu, 🦳 Al. Lugs Required: Single, Double Please provide breakdown of connected load (attach separate sheet if more room required). 6. 1 Phase 3 Phase Lighting (kW) 4.65 Heating (kW) <u>59</u> Miscellaneous (kW) <u>10</u> Motors (kW) 14.22 Total (kW) 87.87 7. Estimated Peak Demand: 87.87 (Total kW of load expected to be on at the same time) 8. Estimated annual load factor: Or estimated annual consumption (kWh) 9. If applicable, the expected service life: 10. A copy of the customer's electrical drawings. 11. A copy of the customer's site plan. Date service required (ready for connection). As soon as possible 12. 13. Primary metering requested (extra charges may apply). (subject to the customer supplying and maintaining all distribution facilities beyond the point of supply) 14. Temporary / Construction power requested (extra charges may apply).

Customer/Elect	trician signatur	e verities that his infor	mation is accur-	ate and understands	inforr	mation is subje	ct to a
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Prepared by:	tard	Dudle	Date	November	7	2022	

### **Location of Line Extension**





### **Contribution in Aid of Construction Calculation**



## Contribution in Aid of Construction<sup>1</sup> General Service Single-Phase Extension

**Customer:** Government of Newfoundland and Labrador **File #:** 486.85.50/0.23.1582963

**Location:** Roddickton Highway Depot - Roddickton

Particulars: Single-Phase Service Requested

Service Requires a 5,300-metre Line Extension Customer Estimates Demand at 87.87 kW

Detailed Construction Cost	\$ 846,700.00	(a)
Operations and Maintenance Factor <sup>2</sup>	7.10%	
Operations and Maintenance Amount	\$ 60,115.70	(b)
Construction Cost + O&M (a+b)	\$ 906,815.70	
Joint Use Credit <sup>3</sup>	(228,600.00)	
Less: Company Basic Investment <sup>4</sup>	(5,145.00)	
Less: Load Based Investment <sup>5</sup>	(10,950.00)	
Contribution In Aid of Construction (before HST)	\$ 662,120.70	
HST (15%)	\$ 99,318.11	
Total Contribution in Aid of Construction	\$ 761,438.81	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Using detailed estimated construction cost.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> From 2023 CIAC Costing Manual. Percentage of Maintenance over Life of Asset.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 40% of installed cost of poles.

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  As per sections 3(i) and 3 (iv) and Appendix A of the CIAC Policy for General Service Customers. (85m + 20m Right of Way @ \$49\$/m).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The connected load provided by the customer is 87.87kW. An estimated peak demand of 60KVA less 10KVA derives the 50KVA used for this calculation as per section 4b and Appendix B of the CIAC Policy for General Service Customers.

CIAC Quote
CIAC Quote Acceptance
Application for Service



#### Contribution in Aid of Construction Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Line Extension Schedule 4, Page 1 of 5



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**September 27, 2023** 

Ford Budden
Transportation and Infrastructure
PO Box 2006
Corner Brook, NL A2H 6J8

All information contained in this letter is subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. All calculations are subject to change, based on the ruling of this Board.

#### Dear Ford Budden:

Thank you for your inquiry on the availability and cost of providing single phase electrical service to your highway deport located at the junction of Route 432 and 433. According to the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) Policy approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, general service customers are sometimes required to pay a portion of the construction cost of the line extension. The amount of the charge depends on both the length of the extension required and the energy requirements of the customer.

Two years following the connection of the electrical service the CIAC will be reviewed to determine the accuracy of the estimated load requirements provided to us. It is therefore important that the original load information be as accurate as possible. The CIAC will be recalculated using the actual load data for the 12 months preceding the review and if there is a variation of more than \$100.00 from the original CIAC, the difference will be applied to the electricity account for this service as either a credit, or an additional charge.

A Hydro representative has reviewed your request and has developed a design for the line extension. The cost to construct the distribution infrastructure to supply your facility is \$673,070.70. Based on your facility requiring a single phase service with an total connected load of 88 KVA and an estimated maximum demand of 60 KVA, Hydro will provide an additional investment credit of \$10,950.00 toward the line construction and upgrade. Your contribution toward the construction of the extension (CIAC) is \$662,120.70 + \$99,318.11 HST totaling \$761,438.81. If the above load data is not accurate please contact us before November 27, 2023 with the correct information as your CIAC requirement may be adjusted as a result of the two-year review.

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Your CIAC Reference Number for the above quote is 1582963 and is valid until March 27, 2024. After this date, a new quotation must be calculated to reflect possible changes in labor and material costs. Hydro reserves the right to make adjustments within this six (6) month period if errors are discovered in the calculation of this estimate, in which case you will be notified immediately of the change.

This CIAC will require PUB approval. If you wish to proceed with this request please sign and return the enclosed Quote Acceptance Form so that Hydro may proceed with preparation of an application to the PUB for approval of this project.

Hydro will not proceed with construction of the line extension until the following is received:

- Payment of the CIAC.
- A completed and duly signed copy of the enclosed Quote Acceptance Form.
- A completed and duly signed copy of the enclosed Application for Service Form.

Construction of your line extension, and your entitlement to any refunds or partial refunds of your CIAC, are subject to the following conditions:

Before construction begins, Hydro requires standard easement rights for any
portion of the line that will be constructed over private property. This ensures
that Hydro has access to the line and equipment should the need arise. Hydro
will arrange for any necessary easements. If however, easements cannot be
obtained for the proposed route, an alternate route will be determined and a
corresponding CIAC will be calculated.

<u>Please note:</u> it may take 12 months to obtain easements from the Provincial Crown Lands Department if the line extension involves Crown Land. Permission for line construction and related work near bodies of water will take considerably longer due to stringent environmental regulations.

- Should additional customers connect to the line extension within 10 years from
  the date of its construction, you may be entitled to a refund. Hydro will calculate
  the refund in accordance with established guidelines as approved by the Board
  of Commissioners of Public Utilities. Refunds will only be applicable if a CIAC is
  required after the 2 year review.
- Hydro shall make all reasonable efforts to identify when a CIAC refund is required due to additional customers connecting to the line extension and to

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ensure the appropriate refund is paid within 90 days of any new connection. If your refund is not processed within 90 days of the connection of another customer, the refund amount will earn interest for each day past the 90-day deadline.

- 4. Hydro retains legal title to the line and may connect other customers to it at any time.
- 5. Hydro is responsible for the maintenance of the line and for its eventual replacement.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro looks forward to serving you. If you require additional information regarding your CIAC, please call toll-free at 1-888-737-1296 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Sincerely yours,

**NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR HYDRO** 

Nicholas Kardos Customer Services

Enclosures

H.S.T Registration #121394928RT0001

c.c. K. Slade, NLH – St. Anthony
J MacKinnon, NLH – St. Anthony
M. LaVallee, NLH – Bishop Falls
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#### **CIAC Quote Acceptance - General Service**

All rates and fees charged for electric service, and the Rules and Regulations governing the provision of that service, are approved by the Rules & Regulations governing the provision of that service, are approved by the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

The undersigned ("the Customer") requests Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("the Company") to provide electrical service at the location listed below.

CIAC Reference No:	1582963			
Customer Name:			Curre	nt Account No:
Consultants Name (if applicable):				
Property Location:	Junction of Route	432 and 433- Roddickton-Hig	hway-Depot	
Present Mailing Address:				
City/Town:		Province:	Posta	Code:
Present Street Address:			City/1	îown:
Home Phone No:	-	Work Phon	e No:	
Customer's Signature:	alel		Date:	February 26, 2024
Customer's Title:	Greg Clarke	Occupation	n: ADM, Inf	rastructure
of load information use	d in the CIAC calcul istomer's account { r you wish to accep	n the date of construction of t ation process. Variations in re the revised amount may resul t any additional load based co ir two year review:	ecalculated CIA	C amounts of \$100 or greater und or an addition charge).
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I do not wish to ac	·	load based company investm	ent at this time	: I would prefer to await the
By accepting the addition	onal load based com	npany investment now, I agree	e to pay to the	Company a contribution in aid
of construction of \$7	61,438.81 <u>f</u> includir	ng HST) for provision of that se	ervice. By decli	ning to accept the additional
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774,031.31 (includi	ng HST) for provisio	on of that service.		



### Application For Service New Service

Account Number	00059127				
Name	DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION & WORKS				
I.D. (S.I.N./D.L.)	597 W T - 800	Spouse/Co-Occupant			
Address	PO BOX 8700		)÷		
City	ST. JOHN'S	Province	NL		
Postal Code	A1B 4J6				
Telephone	709 6372551	Business Telephone			
Fax		Email Address	GNLInvoices@gov.nl.ca		
Service Address		Type of Business	0		
Previous Account#		Landlord			
Previous Customer		Class of Service	GOV		
Water Heating	Cooking	Space Heating	Electric Heating		
Meter Information					
Meter Number		Connection Date			
K.W.H Reading		Installed By			
Demand Reading		Setting			
Phase	360 331	Dial			
Serial Number		Туре			
Retest		Bill Mult.			
Primary Metering	***************************************	Customer Owned Transform	er		
Connected Load					
K.W.		K.V.A			
Remarks					
CIAC WO#1582963	13 12 1201				

#### Contract

The undersigned hereby applies to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) for the class of electric service indicated above to be rendered at the service address designated above and agrees to pay the rates to be charged for this service and to abide by the rules and regulations under which it is rendered, which rates, rules and regulations shall be as now prescribed by, or for, Hydro and as may be at any time, and from time to time, amended. acceptance of this application by, or for, Hydro, as evidenced by a properly authorized signature, shall constitute a contract binding upon the undersig and Hydro. Such contract shall be for a period of one year from the date hereof and from month to month thereafter.

Accepted by the Customer Service Department on behalf of Hydro on this 27th day of September, 2023		COOL
Copies of rates, rules and regulations are available on request	Signature of Applicant	1-66

### **Affidavit**



IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 ("EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 ("Act"), and regulations thereunder

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for approval of a Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") for a line extension for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

- I, Dana Pope, of St. John's in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, make oath and say as follows:
  - 1) I am Vice President, Regulatory and Stakeholder Relations, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, the applicant named in the attached application.
  - 2) I have read and understand the foregoing application.
  - 3) To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all of the matters, facts, and things set out in this application are true.

SWORN at St. John's in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 29th day of February 2024, before me:

Commissioners for Oaths, Newfoundland and Labrador

Burister, NL

Milhail Latha

Dana Pope