NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD NO. P. U. 39 (2010)

1	IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power
2	Control Act 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the
3	"EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990,
4	Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), and regulations thereunder;
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6	AND
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8	IN THE MATTER OF an application by
9	Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
0	for approval of the Rate Stabilization
1	Plan components of the rates to be charged to
2	Island Industrial Customers;
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14 15	<u>AND</u>
6	IN THE MATTER OF an application by the
7	Consumer Advocate for the approval of changes
18	to the Rate Stabilization Plan.
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20	WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued and
21	existing under the <i>Hydro Corporation Act</i> , is a public utility within the meaning of the <i>Act</i> , and
22	is subject to the provisions of the EPCA and the Act; and
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24	WHEREAS Order No. P. U. 6(2009) continued the existing rates for the Island Industrial class
25	of customers on an interim basis until a final order of the Board and required Hydro to file an
26	application for approval of final rates, rules and regulations for the Island Industrial Customers by June 30, 2009; and
27	by Julie 30, 2009, and
28 29	WHEREAS on June 30, 2009 Hydro applied for an Order that: (i) the rates for Teck Cominco
30	Limited (formerly Aur Resources Inc.) be the same as are in effect for all other Island Industrial
31	Customers; and (ii) the existing Island Industrial Customer interim rates, except the rates for
32	Teck Cominco Limited, be made final (the "Application"); and
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34	WHEREAS a final order on the Application has not been issued by the Board; and
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36	WHEREAS on November 15, 2010 the Consumer Advocate applied for an Order that modifies
37	the Rate Stabilization Plan ("RSP") rules, as of December 1, 2010 on an interim basis, so that
38	load and fuel variations are allocated in the same manner (the "Consumer Advocate's
39	Application"); and

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WHEREAS the Board requested comments on the Consumer Advocate's Application; and

WHEREAS Hydro and Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") stated that they supported the Consumer Advocate's Application; and

WHEREAS the Industrial Customers advised that they would support an interim order which provides for (i) the load variation component of the RSP accruing from and after December 1, 2010 to be paid into a new reserve account without pre-allocation or pre-assignment; and (ii) rates charged by Hydro to Newfoundland Power be ordered interim as of December 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS Abitibi Consolidated Company of Canada advised that the Consumer Advocate's Application did not directly impact the company; and

WHEREAS on December 1, 2010, following a counsel meeting of all parties, the Board advised the parties in writing of its proposal to: (i) convene a hearing on the appropriate Island Industrial Customer rates; (ii) make Hydro's rates to Newfoundland Power interim; and (iii) make interim the entire RSP methodology which sets the RSP component of the rates; and

WHEREAS the Consumer Advocate, Hydro and Newfoundland Power did not raise any objections to the Board's proposal; and

WHEREAS the Industrial Customers acknowledged the Board's proposal and requested that a process be established to set new interim rates for the Industrial Customers for 2011; and

WHEREAS Abitibi Consolidated Company of Canada advised that the Board's proposal did not raise any issues relating to matters in which the company has an interest; and

WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that it is appropriate and reasonable to make Hydro's current rates to Newfoundland Power interim as well as the current RSP which sets the RSP component of the rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Board approves on an interim basis the schedule of rates, tolls and charges as attached in Schedule A to be effective for consumption by Newfoundland Power as of January 1, 2011.

38 2. The Board approves on an interim basis the Rate Stabilization Plan as attached in Schedule B as of January 1, 2011.

3. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Order.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 30th day of December 2010.

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.

Vice-Chair

Dwanda Newman, LL.B

Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO UTILITY- (INTERIM)

Availability:

This rate is applicable to service to Newfoundland Power (NP).

Definitions:

"Billing Demand"

In the Months of January through March, billing demand shall be the greater of:

- (a) the highest Native Load less the Generation Credit, beginning in the previous December and ending in the current Month; and
- (b) the Minimum Billing Demand.

In the Months of April through December, billing demand shall be the greater of:

- (a) the Weather-Adjusted Native Load less the Generation Credit, plus the Weather Adjustment True-up; and
- (b) the Minimum Billing Demand.

"Generation Credit" refers to NP's net generation capacity less allowance for system reserve, as follows:

	KW
Hydraulic Generation Credit	80,104
Thermal Generation Credit	<u>37,826</u>
Total Generation Credit	117,930

In order to continue to avail of the Generation Credit, NP must demonstrate the capability to operate its generation to the level of the Generation Credit. This will be verified in a test by operating the generation at a minimum of this level for a period of one hour as measured by the generation demand metering used to determine the Native Load. The test will be carried out at a mutually agreed time between December 1 and March 31 each year. If the level is not sustained, NP will be provided an opportunity to repeat the test at another mutually agreed time during the same December 1 to March 31 period. If the level is not sustained in the second test, the Generation Credit will be reduced in calculating the associated billing demands for January to December to the highest level that could be sustained.

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"Maximum Native Load" means the maximum Native Load of NP in the four-Month period beginning in December of the preceding year and ending in March of the current year.

"Minimum Billing Demand" means ninety-nine percent (99%) of:

NP's test year Native Load less the Generation Credit.

"Month" means for billing purposes, the period commencing at 12:01 hours on the last day of the previous month and ending at 12:00 hours on the last day of the month for which the bill applies.

"Native Load" is the sum of:

- (a) the amount of electrical power, delivered at any time and measured in kilowatts, supplied by Hydro to NP, averaged over each consecutive period of fifteen minutes duration, commencing on the hour and ending each fifteen minute period thereafter; and
- (b) the total generation by NP averaged over the same fifteen-minute periods.

"Weather-Adjusted Native Load" means the Maximum Native Load adjusted to normal weather conditions, calculated as:

Maximum Native Load plus (Weather Adjustment, rounded to 3 decimal places, x 1000)

Weather Adjustment is further described and defined in the Weather Adjustment section.

"Weather Adjustment True-up" means one-ninth of the difference between:

- (a) the greater of:
 - the Weather Adjusted Native Load less the Generation Credit, times three; and
 - the Minimum Billing Demand, times three; and
- (b) the sum of the actual billed demands in the Months of January, February and March of the current year.

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Monthly Rates:

Billing Demand Charge:

Billing Demand, as set out in the Definitions section, shall be charged at the following rate:

\$4.00 per kW of billing demand

Energy Charge:

First 250,00	00,000 kilowatt-ho	ours*@3.246	¢ per kWh
All excess I	kilowatt-hours*		¢ per kWh

Firming-up Charge:

RSP Adjustment:

Current Plan@	(0.769)	¢ per kWh
Fuel Rider@	<u>0.990</u>	¢ per kWh

*Subject to RSP Adjustment:

RSP Adjustment refers to all applicable adjustments arising from the operation of Hydro's Rate Stabilization Plan, which levelizes variations in hydraulic production, fuel cost, load and rural rates.

Adjustment for Losses:

If the metering point is on the load side of the transformer, either owned by the customer or specifically assigned to the customer, an adjustment for losses as determined in consultation with the customer prior to January 31 of each year, shall be applied to metered demand and energy.

Adjustment for Station Services and Step-Up Transformer Losses:

If the metering point is not on the generator output terminals of NP's generators, an adjustment for NP's power consumption between the generator output terminals and the metering point as determined in consultation with the customer prior to the implementation of the metering, shall be applied to the metered demand.

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<u>Weather Adjustment:</u> This section outlines procedures and calculations related to the weather adjustment applied to NP's Maximum Native Load.

- (a) Weather adjustment shall be undertaken for NP's actual Maximum Native Load.
- (b) Weather adjustment shall be derived from Hydro's general NP native peak demand forecasting model.
- (c) By September 30th of each year, Hydro shall provide NP with updated weather adjustment coefficient incorporating the latest year of actuals.
- (d) The underlying temperature and wind speed data utilized to derive weather adjustment shall be sourced to Environment Canada's weather station data for the St. John's, Gander, and Stephenville airports. NP's regional customer counts shall be used to weight regional weather data. Hydro shall consult with NP to resolve any circumstances arising the availability of, or revisions to, Environment Canada's weather data and/or wind chill formulation.
- (e) The primary definition for the temperature weather variable is the average temperature for the peak demand hour and the preceding 19 hours. The primary definition for the wind weather data is the average wind speed for the peak demand hour and the preceding seven hours. Hydro will consult with NP should data anomalies indicate a departure from the primary definition on underlying weather data.
- (f) Subject to the availability of Environment Canada weather data, Hydro shall prepare a preliminary estimate of the Weather-Adjusted Native Load by March 15th of each year, and a final calculation of Weather-Adjusted Native Load by April 5th of each year.

General:

This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.

With respect to all matters where the customer and Hydro consult on resolution but are unable to reach mutual agreement, the billing will be based on Hydro's best estimate.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO RATE STABILIZATION PLAN - (INTERIM)

The Rate Stabilization Plan of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) is established for Hydro's Utility customer, Newfoundland Power, and Island Industrial customers to smooth rate impacts for variations between actual results and Test Year Cost of Service estimates for:

- hydraulic production;
- No. 6 fuel cost used at Hydro's Holyrood generating station;
- customer load (Utility and Island Industrial); and
- rural rates.

The formulae used to calculate the Plan's activity are outlined below. Positive values denote amounts owing from customers to Hydro whereas negative values denote amounts owing from Hydro to customers.

Section A: Hydraulic Production Variation

1. Activity:

Actual monthly production is compared with the Test Year Cost of Service Study in accordance with the following formula:

$$\{(A-B) \div C\} \times D$$

Where:

A = Test Year Cost of Service Net Hydraulic Production (kWh)

B = Actual Net Hydraulic Production (kWh)

C = Test Year Cost of Service Holyrood Net Conversion Factor (kWh /bbl.)

D = Monthly Test Year Cost of Service No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$Can /bbl.)

2. Financing:

Each month, financing charges, using Hydro's approved Test Year weighted average cost of capital, will be calculated on the balance.

3. Hydraulic Variation Customer Assignment:

Customer assignment of hydraulic variations will be performed annually as follows:

$$(E \times 25\%) + F$$

Where:

E = Hydraulic Variation Account Balance as of December 31, excluding financing charges

F = Financing charges accumulated to December 31

The total amount of the Hydraulic Customer Assignment shall be removed from the Hydraulic Variation Account.

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4. Customer Allocation:

The annual customer assignment will be allocated among the Island Interconnected customer groups of (1) Newfoundland Power; (2) Island Industrial Firm; and (3) Rural Island Interconnected. The allocation will be based on percentages derived from 12 months-to-date kWh for: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy.

The portion of the hydraulic customer assignment which is initially allocated to Rural Island Interconnected will be re-allocated between Newfoundland Power and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers in the same proportion which the Rural Deficit was allocated in the approved Test Year Cost of Service Study.

The Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer allocations shall be included with the Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial RSP balances respectively as of December 31 each year. The Labrador Interconnected Hydraulic customer allocation shall be written off to Hydro's net income (loss).

Section B: Fuel Cost Variation, Load Variation and Rural Rate Alteration

1. Activity

1.1 Fuel Cost Variations

This is based on the consumption of No. 6 Fuel at the Holyrood Generating Station:

$$(G - D) \times H$$

Where:

D = Monthly Test Year Cost of Service No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$Can /bbl.)

G = Monthly Actual Average No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$Can /bbl.)

H = Monthly Actual Quantity of No. 6 Fuel consumed less No. 6 fuel consumed for non-firm sales (bbl.)

1.2 Load Variations

Firm: Firm load variation is comprised of fuel and revenue components. The load variation is determined by calculating the difference between actual monthly sales and the Test Year Cost of Service Study sales, and the resulting variance in No. 6 fuel costs and sales revenues. It is calculated separately for Newfoundland Power firm sales and Industrial firm sales, in accordance with the following formula:

$$(I - J) \times \{(D \div C) - K\}$$

Where:

C = Test Year Cost of Service Holyrood Net Conversion Factor (kWh /bbl.)

D = Monthly Test Year Cost of Service No. 6 Fuel Cost (\$Can /bbl.)

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I = Actual Sales, by customer class (kWh)

J = Test Year Cost of Service Sales, by customer class (kWh)

K = Firm energy rate, by customer class

Secondary: Secondary load variation is based on the revenue variation for Utility Firmed-Up Secondary energy sales compared with the Test Year Cost of Service Study, in accordance with the following formula:

 $(J-I) \times L$

Where:

I = Actual Sales (kWh)

J = Test Year Cost of Service Sales (kWh)

L = Secondary Energy Firming Up Charge

1.3 Rural Rate Alteration

(a) Newfoundland Power Rate Change Impacts:

This component is calculated for Hydro's rural customers whose rates are directly or indirectly impacted by Newfoundland Power's rate changes, with the following formula:

$$(M-N) \times O$$

Where:

M = Cost of Service rate ¹

N = Existing rate

O = Actual Units (kWh, bills, billing demand)

(b) Rural Labrador Interconnected Automatic Rate Adjustments:

This component reflects the impact of the automatic rate adjustments for Hydro's rural customers on the Labrador Interconnected system, which arise from the phase-in of the application of the credit from secondary energy sales to CFB Goose Bay to the rural deficit.

Monthly adjustments will be subject to revision when a new Test Year Cost of Service is approved by the Public Utilities Board for Hydro. The amount of the automatic rate adjustment is (\$98,295).

[•] Hydro's schedule of rates for its rural customers not affected by the December 6th, 2006 Government directive.

[•] For customers affected by the December 6th, 2006 Government directive, the Cost of Service rate equals the phased-in 2007 Forecast Cost of Service Rates for diesel rate classes 1.2D, 2.1D and 2.2D.

[•] No Rural Rate Alternation will arise from the phase-in of 2007 Forecast Cost of Service rates for the customers affected by the December 6^{th} , 2006 Government directive.

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2. Monthly Customer Allocation: Load and Fuel Activity

Each month, the load variation will be assigned to the customer class for which the load variation occurred.

Each month, the year-to-date total for fuel price variation will be allocated among the Island Interconnected customer groups of (1) Newfoundland Power; (2) Island Industrial Firm; and (3) Rural Island Interconnected. The allocation will be based on percentages derived from 12 months-to-date kWh for: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy.

The year-to-date portion of the fuel price variation which is initially allocated to Rural Island Interconnected will be re-allocated between Newfoundland Power and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers in the same proportion which the Rural Deficit was allocated in the approved Test Year Cost of Service Study.

The current month's activity for Newfoundland Power, Island Industrials and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers will be calculated by subtracting year-to-date activity for the prior month from year-to-date activity for the current month. The current month's activity allocated to regulated Labrador Interconnected customers will be removed from the Plan and written off to Hydro's net income (loss).

3. Monthly Customer Allocation: Rural Rate Alteration Activity

Each month, the rural rate alteration will be allocated between Newfoundland Power and regulated Labrador Interconnected customers in the same proportion which the Rural Deficit was allocated in the approved Test Year Cost of Service Study. The portion allocated to regulated Labrador Interconnected will be removed from the Plan and written off to Hydro's net income (loss).

4. Plan Balances

Separate plan balances for Newfoundland Power and for the Island Industrial customer class will be maintained. Financing charges on the plan balances will be calculated monthly using Hydro's approved Test Year weighted average cost of capital.

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Section C: Fuel Price Projection

A fuel price projection will be calculated to anticipate forecast fuel price changes and to determine fuel riders for the rate adjustments. For industrial customers, this will occur in October each year, for inclusion with the RSP adjustment effective January 1. For Newfoundland Power, this will occur in April each year, for inclusion with the RSP adjustment effective July 1.

1. Industrial Fuel Price Projection:

In October each year, a fuel price projection for the following January to December shall be made to estimate a change from Test Year No. 6 Fuel Cost. Hydro's projection shall be based on the change from the average Test Year No. 6 fuel purchase price, in Canadian dollars per barrel, determined from the forecast oil prices provided by the PIRA Energy Group, and the current US exchange rate. The calculation for the projection is:

$$[\{(S-T) \times U\} - V] \times W$$

Where:

- S = the September month-end PIRA Energy Group average monthly forecast for No. 6 fuel prices at New York Harbour for the following January to December
- T = Hydro's average Test Year contract discount (US \$/bbl)
- U = the monthly average of the \$Cdn / \$US Bank of Canada Noon Exchange Rate for the month of September
- V = average Test Year Cost of Service purchase price for No. 6 Fuel (\$Can /bbl.)
- W = the number of barrels of No. 6 fuel forecast to be consumed at the Holyrood Generating Station for the Test Year.

The industrial customer allocation of the forecast fuel price change will be based on 12 months-to-date kWh as of the end of September and is the ratio of Industrial Firm invoiced energy to the total of: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy.

The amount of the forecast fuel price change, in Canadian dollars, and the details of an estimate of the fuel rider based on 12 months-to-date kWh sales to the end of September will be reported to industrial customers, Newfoundland Power, and the Public Utilities Board, by the 10th working day of October.

2. Newfoundland Power Fuel Price Projection:

In April each year, a fuel price projection for the following July to June shall be made to estimate a change from Test Year No. 6 Fuel Cost. Hydro's projection shall be based on the change from the average Test Year No. 6 fuel purchase price, in Canadian dollars per barrel, determined from the forecast oil prices provided by the PIRA Energy Group, and the current US exchange rate. The calculation for the projection is:

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 $[{(X-T) \times Y} - V] \times W$

Where:

T = Hydro's average Test Year contract discount (US \$/bbl)

V = average Test Year Cost of Service purchase price for No. 6 Fuel (\$Can /bbl.)

- W = the number of barrels of No. 6 fuel forecast to be consumed at the Holyrood Generating Station for the Test Year. For the 2007 Test Year, test year barrels are reduced by 589,208 based on the reduction in forecast Island Industrial customer load caused by the shutdown of one of the paper machines at Corner Brook Pulp and Paper and the shutdown of Abitibi Consolidated (Grand Falls).
- X = the average of the March month-end PIRA Energy Group average monthly forecast for No. 6 fuel prices at New York Harbour for the following July to December, and the most recent long-term PIRA Energy Group average annual forecast for No. 6 fuel prices at New York Harbour for the following January to June.
- Y = the monthly average of the \$Cdn / \$US Bank of Canada Noon Exchange Rate for the month of March.

The Newfoundland Power customer allocation of the forecast fuel price change will be based on 12 months-to-date kWh as of the end of March and is the ratio of Newfoundland Power Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy to the total of: Utility Firm and Firmed-Up Secondary invoiced energy, Industrial Firm invoiced energy, and Rural Island Interconnected bulk transmission energy. For the 12 months-to-date (April 2008 - March 2009) Industrial Firm invoiced energy is reduced by 87,991,636 kWh to reflect the forecast reduction in Abitibi Consolidated (Grand Falls) load.

The amount of the forecast fuel price change, in Canadian dollars, and the details of the resulting fuel rider applied to the adjustment rate will be reported to Newfoundland Power, industrial customers, and the Public Utilities Board, by the 10th working day of April.

Section D: Adjustment

1. Newfoundland Power

As of March 31 each year, Newfoundland Power's adjustment rate for the 12-month period commencing the following July 1 is determined as the rate per kWh which is projected to collect:

Newfoundland Power March 31 Balance

less projected recovery / repayment of the balance for the following three months (if any), estimated using the energy sales (kWh) for April, May and June from the previous year

plus forecast financing charges to the end of the 12-month recovery period (i.e., June in the following calendar year),

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divided by the 12-months-to-date firm plus firmed-up secondary kWh sales to the end of March.

A fuel rider shall be added to the above adjustment rate, based on the Newfoundland Power Fuel Price Projection amount (as per Section C.2 above) divided by 12-months-to-date kWh sales to the end of March.

When new Test Year base rates come into effect, if a fuel rider forecast (either March or September) is more current than the test year fuel forecast, a fuel rider will be implemented at the same time as the change in base rates reflecting the more current fuel forecast and the new test year values.

Otherwise, the fuel rider portion of the RSP Adjustment will be set to zero upon implementation of the new Test Year Cost of Service rates, until the time for the next fuel price projection.

2. Island Industrial Customers

As of December 31 each year, the adjustment rate for industrial customers for the 12-month period commencing January 1 is determined as the rate per kWh which is projected to collect:

Industrial December 31 Balance

plus forecast financing charges to the end of the following calendar year,

divided by 12-months-to-date kWh sales to the end of December.

A fuel rider shall be added to the above adjustment rate, based on the Industrial Fuel Price Projection (as per Section C.1 above) amount divided by 12-months-to-date kWh sales to the end of December.

When new Test Year base rates come into effect, if a fuel rider forecast (either March or September) is more current than the test year fuel forecast, a fuel rider will be implemented at the same time as the change in base rates reflecting the more current fuel forecast and the new test year values. Otherwise, the fuel rider portion of the RSP Adjustment will be set to zero upon implementation of the new Test Year Cost of Service rates, until the time for the next fuel price projection.

Section E: Historical Plan Balances:

1. August 2002 Balance:

Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer balances accumulated in the Plan as at August 2002 will be recovered over a 5-year collection period, with adjustment rates established each December 31, commencing December 31, 2002. Financing charges on the plan balances will be calculated monthly using Hydro's approved Test Year annual weighted average cost of capital.

Newfoundland Power

The adjustment rate for each year of the five-year adjustment period will be determined as follows:

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$$A = (B - C + D) \div E \div F$$

where

A = adjustment rate (\$ per kWh) for the 12-month period commencing the following July 1.

B = Balance December 31

C = projected recovery to the following June 30 (if any), estimated using the most recent energy sales (kWh) for the period January to June.

D = projected financing charges to the following June 30

E = number of years remaining in the adjustment period

F = energy sales (kWh) (firm and firmed-up secondary) to Newfoundland Power for the most recent 12 months ended December 31

Recovery and financing will be applied to the balance each month. At the end of the five-year recovery period, any remaining balance will be added to the plan then in effect.

Island Industrial Customers, excluding Teck Cominco Limited [Exempted pursuant to Order No. P.U.1(2007)]

The adjustment rate for each year of the five-year adjustment period will be determined as follows:

$$G = H \div I \div J$$

where

G = adjustment rate (\$ per kWh) for the 12-month period commencing the following January 1.

H = Balance December 31

I = number of years remaining in the adjustment period

J = firm energy sales (kWh) to Industrial Customers, excluding sales to Teck Cominco Limited, for the most recent 12 months ended December 31

Recovery and financing will be applied to the balance each month. At the end of the five-year recovery period, any remaining balance will be added to the plan then in effect.

2. RSP Balance, December 31, 2003:

Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer balances accumulated in the Plan as at December 31, 2003 will be consolidated with the outstanding August 2002 customer balances as of December 31, 2003, and will be included with the Newfoundland Power and Island Industrial customer balances respectively for rate-setting purposes as of December 31, 2003.