# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

# AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 21(2015)

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"), as amended, and regulations			
5	thereunder; and			
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7	IN THE MATTER OF a general rate application			
8	filed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on			
9	July 30, 2013; and			
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11	IN THE MATTER OF an amended general rate			
12	application filed by Newfoundland and Labrador			
13	Hydro on November 10, 2014; and			
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15	IN THE MATTER OF an application by			
16	Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of			
17	industrial customer rates, tolls and charges and RSP			
18	rules reflecting the determinations set out in			
19	Order No. P.U. 17(2015).			
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22	WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued and			
23	existing under the Hydro Corporation Act, 2007, is a public utility within the meaning of the			
24	Act, and is also subject to the provisions of the EPCA; and			
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26	WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 17(2015) the Board directed Hydro to file a revised Schedule o			
27	Rates, Tolls and Charges and Rate Stabilization Plan Rules, effective July 1, 2015, to reflect			
28	for Island Industrial customers:			
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30	a) an interim base rate increase of 10.0%;			
31	b) an interim RSP rate adjustment which will result in an effective 2.7% base rate			
32	increase for each Island Industrial customer, including Teck Resources Limited;			
33	c) a transfer from the IC RSP Surplus to fund the difference between the approved			
34	10.0% base rate increase and the effective 2.7% base rate increase; and			
35	d) a transfer from the IC RSP Surplus to fund the full amount of the 2014 year- end IC			
36	RSP current balance; and			
37	WILLEDE AS on June 26 2015 Hydro filed a compliance application to size offerst to the			
38 39	WHEREAS on June 26, 2015 Hydro filed a compliance application to give effect to the			
	direction of the Board relating to the Island Industrial customers in Order No. P.U. 17(2015)			
40	(the "Application); and			

WHEREAS a copy of the Application was provided to the parties in the general rate application proceeding: Newfoundland Power; the Consumer Advocate, Mr. Thomas Johnson; Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, NARL Refining Limited Partnership and Teck Resources Limited (the "Industrial Customer Group"); Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited ("Vale"); the Innu Nation; the Towns of Labrador City, Wabush, Happy Valley-Goose

Bay, and North West River (the "Towns"); Yvonne Jones, MP and the Nunatsiavut

Government; and

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WHEREAS the Board's financial consultants, Grant Thornton LLP, reviewed the Application and filed a report on June 30, 2015 concluding that the interim base rates and Rate Stabilization Plan Rules are in accordance with Board orders; and

WHEREAS the Industrial Customer Group advised that they had no further comments on the Application and no other party provided comments; and

WHEREAS the Board is not satisfied that the proposed language in the Rate Stabilization Plan Rules, "<u>Section F: RSP Surplus:</u> 1.1. Industrial Customer RSP Surplus Disposition" relating to the RSP Surplus transfer to fund the difference between the approved and effective base rate increases is sufficiently clear; and

WHEREAS the Board finds that Hydro should file revised Rate Stabilization Plan Rules which clearly establish the transfer from the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus to fund the difference between the 10.0% base rate increase and the effective 2.7% base rate increase for Island Industrial customers; and

 WHEREAS the Board has considered the Application and is satisfied that the proposed Schedule of Rates, Tolls and Charges and the amendments to the Rate Stabilization Plan Rules for the Island Industrial customers should be approved on an interim basis with the removal of the paragraph in "Section F: RSP Surplus: 1.1. Industrial Customer RSP Surplus Disposition" relating to the transfer from the IC RSP Surplus to fund the difference between the approved and effective base rate increases.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Schedule of Rates, Tolls and Charges to be effective on all electrical consumption for Island Industrial customers on and after July 1, 2015, as set out in Schedule A to this Order, are approved on an interim basis.

2. The Rate Stabilization Plan Rules, as set out in Schedule B to this Order, are approved on an interim basis.

3. Hydro shall file, for approval, revisions to the Rate Stabilization Plan Rules to clearly provide for the transfer from the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus to fund the difference between the approved 10.0 % base rate increase and the effective 2.7% base rate increase for Island Industrial customers.

4. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Andy Wells

Chair & Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.

Vice-Chair

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Commissioner

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# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO INDUSTRIAL - FIRM - INTERIM

# **Availability:**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy.

# Base Rate\*:

## **Demand Charge:**

The rate for Firm Power, as defined and set out in the Industrial Service Agreements, shall be \$7.35 per month per kilowatt of billing demand.

# Firm Energy Charge:

Base Rate@ 4.044 ¢ per kW	e Rate@ 4.044 ¢ per kWh	
P Adjustment:		
Current Plan@ 0.000 ¢ per kWh		
Fuel Rider		
Total RSP Adjustment – All kilowatt-hours@ 0.000 ¢ per kWh*	*	
** Exceptions:		
Teck Resources Limited RSP Adjustment@ (1.141) ¢ per kW	'n	
Surplus Adjustment:		
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Net Demand Rate@ \$6.86 per month	1
Net Energy Rate@ 3.775 ¢ per kWh***	ķ

# \*\*\* Exceptions:

Teck Resources Limited Net Energy Rate ......@ 2.634 ¢ per kWh

# **Specifically Assigned Charges:**

The table below contains the additional annual specifically assigned charges for customer plant in service that is specifically assigned to the Customer.

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	Annual Amount
Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited	\$ 347,167
North Atlantic Refining Limited	\$ 150,976
Teck Resources Limited	\$ 186,169

# \*Subject to RSP Adjustments:

RSP Adjustments 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 and also provides for disposition of the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus.

# 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.

# General:

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements. This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.

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# Availability:

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy.

## Rate:

# Non-Firm Energy Charge (¢ per kWh):

Non-Firm Energy is deemed to be supplied from thermal sources. The following formula shall apply to calculate the Non-Firm Energy rate:

$$\{(A \div B) \times (1 + C) \times (1 \div (1 - D))\} \times 100$$

- A = the monthly average cost of fuel per barrel for the energy source in the current month or, in the month the source was last used
- B = the conversion factor for the source used (kWh/bbl)
- C = the administrative and variable operating and maintenance charge (10%)
- D = the average system losses on the Island Interconnected grid for the last five years ending in 2005 (2.68%).

The energy sources and associated conversion factors are:

- 1. Holyrood, using No. 6 fuel with a conversion factor of 630 kWh/bbl
- 2. Gas turbines using No. 2 fuel with a conversion factor of 475 kWh/bbl
- 3. Diesels using No. 2 fuel with a conversion factor of 556 kWh/bbl.

## **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.

# General:

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements. This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.

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# NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO INDUSTRIAL - WHEELING - INTERIM

# **Availability:**

Any person purchasing power, other than a retailer, supplied from the Interconnected Island bulk transmission grid at voltages of 66 kV or greater on the primary side of any transformation equipment directly supplying the person and who has entered into a contract with Hydro for the purchase of firm power and energy and whose Industrial Service Agreement so provides.

# Rate:

### **Energy Charge:**

All kWh (Net of losses)\* ......@ 0.384 ¢ per kWh

\* For the purpose of this Rate, losses shall be 2.68%, the average system losses on the Island Interconnected Grid for the last five years ending in 2005.

# General:

Details regarding the conditions of Service are outlined in the Industrial Service Agreements. This rate schedule does not include the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) which applies to electricity bills.

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# 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.)

I = Actual Sales, by customer class (kWh)

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

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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 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Government directive.

<sup>•</sup> For customers affected by the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

<sup>•</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Government directive.

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# 2. Monthly Customer Allocation: Load and Fuel Activity

Each month, the load variation will be held in a separate account in the Plan, until its disposition is ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

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, the Island Industrial customer class and the segregated load variation will be maintained. Financing charges on the plan balances will be calculated monthly using Hydro's approved Test Year weighted average cost of capital.

### 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,

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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 monthsto-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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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).

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- X = the average of the March month-end PIRA Energy Group average monthly forecast for No. 6 fuel prices at New York Harbour for July to December of the current year and for the January to June period of the subsequent year.
- Y = the monthly average of the \$Cdn / \$US Bank of Canada Noon Exchange Rate for the month of March.

The Newfoundiand 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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),

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.

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#### 2. Island Industrial Customers

2.1 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.

2.2 Notwithstanding paragraph 2.1, as of July 1, 2015 the adjustment rate that provides for disposition of the current RSP balance and the application of the fuel rider to industrial customers will be set to zero until a further Order of the Board. Commencing July 1, 2015, the RSP Surplus Adjustment will include an energy rate of (0.269)¢ per kWh and a demand rate of (0.49) per kW, applicable to all industrial customers in accordance with Section F and Order No. P.U. 17(2015). The RSP Surplus Adjustment will remain in effect until a further Order of the Board.

### 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:

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

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### 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.

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# Section F: RSP Surplus:

## 1. August 31, 2013 Balance:

The net load variation for Newfoundland Power and the Industrial Customers from January 1, 2007 to August 31, 2013, including financing (the RSP Surplus), will be removed from the respective customer class balance, and allocated based upon direction provided by Government in Orders in Council OC2013-089 and OC2013-207. The balances which remain after this amount is removed will form the adjusted August 31, 2013 current plan balances for each customer class.

The Industrial Customer class allocated amount will be used, firstly, to reduce the Industrial Customer class adjusted August 31, 2013 RSP balance to zero. OC2013-089 states that the remaining IC RSP Surplus is to be used to fund a three-year phase-in of rate increases for Island Industrial customers.

The monthly RSP adjustment resulting from the Teck Resources Limited RSP Adjustment rate of (1.141)¢ per kWh determined in accordance with Order No. P.U. 17(2015), will become effective July 1, 2015 and segregated from the other components of the Industrial Customer RSP until its disposition is ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

# 1.1 Industrial Customer RSP Surplus Disposition

Effective December 31, 2014, a one-time transfer from the Industrial Customer RSP Surplus will be applied to the Industrial Customer RSP current plan balance to reduce the December 31, 2014 current plan balance to zero. This transfer is in accordance with Order No. P.U. 14(2015).

#### 1.2 Newfoundland Power RSP Surplus Disposition

The Newfoundland Power allocated amount of the RSP Surplus will be segregated held until such time as its disposition occurs in accordance with an Order of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities through a refund in accordance with Order in Council OC2013-089.

### 2. Plan Balances

Separate plan balances for Newfoundland Power and 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.