

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF HEARING OCTOBER 28, 2002

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO 2003 CAPITAL BUDGET APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that on September 18, 2002 the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board") received an application from Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") requesting an order of the Board pursuant to Section 41 of the *Public Utilities Act (the "Act")*:

- i) Approving Hydro's 2003 Capital Budget in the amount of \$33,070,000.00;
- ii) Approving Hydro's 2003 capital purchases and construction projects in excess of \$50,000, which in total amount to \$31,406,000.00; and
- iii) Approving Hydro's leases for 2003 in excess of \$5,000 per year, in the amount of \$7,200.00.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any or all customers of Hydro may be affected by the proposed application.

HOW TO SEE THE APPLICATION:

Copies of the application and documentation filed to date are available as follows:

- i) On the Board's website at www.pub.nf.ca;
- ii) By request to the Board Secretary at the address below; and
- iii) At Hydro's regional offices throughout the Province.

THE PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing of Hydro's application will begin at **9:30 A.M. on Monday, October 28, 2002**, in the Board's Hearing Room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John's. The hearing will proceed in accordance with the procedures of the Board, which are set out in *Newfoundland Regulation 39/96* ("the Regulations") with respect to filing of evidence, requests for information, and other matters relating to the hearing.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:

Any interested person or organization can participate in the hearing in one of three ways, as follows:

- 1) Intervenor Submission Any person wishing to be made a party to the hearing must apply by way of an Intervenors Submission to the Board, as set out in section 9 of the Regulations. This submission should concisely state the interest such person has in the Application, the facts and reasons which will be entered as evidence (together with any supporting documentation) and the disposition of the proceedings which the Intervenor advocates. All Intervenor Submissions must be received by the Board before 4:30 P.M, Tuesday, October 15, 2002.
- 2) **Oral Presentation** Any interested person who does not wish to intervene to become a party in the proceeding, but who wishes to make a presentation to the Board, may request the opportunity to make an Oral Presentation during the hearing. Persons or organizations interested in making an Oral Presentation during the hearing must write the Board outlining their interest in the proceeding, along with their address and telephone number. Oral Presentation requests must be received by the Board before 4:30 P.M, Tuesday, October 15, 2002.
- 3) Letters of Comment Any interested person who does not wish to intervene or make an Oral Presentation may file a Letter of Comment for the consideration of the Board in this proceeding. All Letters of Comment must clearly state the person's interest in the proceeding, together with their comments and other relevant documentation. The Board will accept all Letters of Comment received before the closing day of the hearing.

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HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD

All correspondence and requests for further information should be addressed to the Board Secretary at the address set out below. The Board encourages the electronic filing of documents and the Board's Information Technology Officer is available to support this type of filing at 709-726-1158; toll free 1-866-782-0006; or by e-mail at: ito@pub.nf.ca

Copies of the Board's legislation and regulations are available for viewing on the Board's website at www.pub.nf.ca or at the Board's office.

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Dated at St. John=s, Newfoundland, this 2nd day October 2002.

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary