

February 20, 2020



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-49-2020)

On February 10, 2020, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

Any reports, studies, briefings, etc in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources relating to the removal of the "rural subsidy" once Muskrat Falls becomes operational. Please include any correspondence on this topic between the Department of Natural Resources and Nalcor or Newfoundland Power or the Department of Finance or the Premier's Office. Time frame is January 1, 2019 to present.

The Department of Natural Resources have reviewed this request and conducted a search, which did not locate any responsive records specific to your request other than one publicly available report. Therefore, the link to the report is listed below in accordance with S. 22 (1)(a) of *ATIPPA, 2015*:

22. (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose a record or part of a record that is published and is available to the public whether without cost or for purchase.

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/nr/files/Reference-to-the-Board-Rate-Mitigation-Options-and-Impacts-Final-Report-2020-02-07.pdf>

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the *Act*). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The request for review may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P.O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after receiving the department's decision.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator