Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: JUS/013/2013)

On September 10, 2013, the Department of Justice received your request for access to the following records/information:

"...I am requesting under ATIPPA all briefing notes, information notes, briefs, etc. completed on Muskrat Falls since April 2013."

Upon review of your request, an email was sent on September 10, 2013, requesting clarification of your request and you responded stating that you were looking for:

"I am looking for all documents that are similar to briefing notes (fact sheets, info notes, etc) that provide the minister with information on a subject area. If there are documents that are used for to inform the minister, they too should be included...."

Another email was sent on September 30, 2013 seeking further clarification concerning your ATIPPA request. You responded indicating you were requesting information on all 5 projects of the Labrador Hydro Project:

The Project consists of five components:

(1) the generating facility to be located at Muskrat Falls, Labrador (commonly referred to as "Muskrat Falls");
(2) a transmission system to transmit energy and capacity between the generating facility located at Muskrat Falls and the generating facility located at Churchill Falls (the "Labrador Transmission Assets");
(3) a transmission system to transmit energy and capacity from central Labrador to Soldiers Pond (the "Labrador Island Link");
(4) a transmission system to transmit energy and capacity from the Island of Newfoundland to Nova Scotia (the "Maritime Link"); and
(5) transmission rights in favour of Nalcor to transmit energy and capacity to and through Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and into New England.
Please be advised that Department of Justice has no records in its custody and control that were provided to the Minister of Justice on the Labrador Hydro Project (i.e. no records responsive to your request).

Section 43 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
34 Pippy Place
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Neil Croke, ATIPP Coordinator at (709) 729-7906 or by e-mail at ncroke@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Noble
Deputy Minister