

October 4, 2018



Dear :

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-175-2017)

On September 28, 2018, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

I am seeking copies of the following notes as outlined below

Update on Quebec electricity issues

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested record. The records is attached.

We are providing access to the most information possible but have made redactions in accordance with Sections 29(1)(a), 35(1)(d), 35 (1)(g) and 35(1)(f) of *ATIPPA, 2015* as follows:

29. (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister.

35. (1) (d) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in the premature disclosure of a proposal or project or in significant loss or gain to a third party;

35. (1) (f) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose positions, plans, procedures, criteria or

instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the government of the province or a public body, or considerations which relate to those negotiations

35. (1) (g) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the financial or economic interest of the government of the province or a public body.

As set out in section 42 of the Act you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the department's decision to provide access to the requested information. 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. Your request should identify your concerns with the department's response and why you are requesting a review.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Hynes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R".

Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator

- A draft RECSI report has now been prepared [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- The July 17, 2018 final version of the RECSI report prepared by Hatch engineering consultants has been provided to NR for discussion and review.

S.29(1)(a)
S.35(1)(d)
S.35(1)(f)
S.35(1)(g)

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

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Other

- Nalcor and Hydro Quebec coordinate supply arrangements to meet load requirements in the Labrador/Quebec border region, including the 18 MW Menihék plant which supplies load in Schefferville, QC, and HQ's supply to L'Anse Au Loup's mini system.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] QC announced recently that it was taking steps to limit data centre load growth. The NL Public Utilities Board is also considering applications from NLH related to data centre load growth challenges and regional stakeholders have filed numerous submissions expressing concerns relating to cost impacts

S.29(1)(a)
S.35(1)(d)
S.35(1)(f)
S.35(1)(g)

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Ministerial Approval:

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