

November 26, 2018



**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-245-2018)**

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On October 30, 2018, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

**I would like to know how much money the province has spent on the Churchill Falls c Hydro-Quebec litigation (From 2010 up to today) including the spending for Hydro-Quebec's legal costs. 1) I would like to know the amount of spending on that issue for every year since 2010 2) including the amount of money the province will have to pay to Hydro-Quebec's legal cost if the judgement from the supreme court turns out in favor of Quebec on friday Novembre 2nd (I'm writing this request on october 30th)  
Thank you very much**

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 information.

As of September 2018, approximately \$5.8 million in legal fees have been spent to date on the Good Faith case. Additionally, the decision on November 2, 2018 awarded \$1.5 million in damages. It doesn't cover Hydro Quebec's legal expenses. At trial, both parties agreed to a 'special fee for cases of special significance' of \$250,000. The remainder of the costs is related to recovery of HQ's expert witnesses. Additional information regarding final costs will be determined as time progresses, but this is the information we have available as of today's date.

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](mailto:rhynes@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



Rod Hynes  
ATIPP Coordinator