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VIA EMAIL

s. 40(1)

Attention:

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Dear

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Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (File #: PB/566/2020)

On August 31, 2020, Nalcor Energy received your request for access to the following records/information:

CHURCHILL FALLS (LABRADOR) CORPORATION LIMITED
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

99 year
 LEASE
 Renewal
 X

I. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited (Churchill Falls) is incorporated under the laws of Canada and operates a hydroelectric generating plant and related transmission facilities in Labrador with a rated capacity of 5,428 megawatts (MW). Churchill Falls operates under rights leased from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (the Province) for 99 years, which are renewable for a further term of 99 years under the Churchill Falls (Labrador) Corporation Limited (Lease) Act, 1961 (the Lease) as amended, covering the water power potential of the Upper Churchill watershed. Energy from Churchill Falls is provided to two customers: Hydro-Québec and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro). Churchill Falls is 65.8% owned by Hydro, whose parent company is Nalcor Energy (Nalcor). The remaining 34.2% is owned by Hydro-Québec. Effective June 18, 1999, the two shareholders of Churchill Falls, Hydro and Hydro-Québec, entered into a Shareholders' Agreement which provided, among other matters, that certain of the strategic operating, financing and investing policies of Churchill Falls be subject to joint approval by representatives of Hydro and Hydro-Québec. The head and corporate office for Churchill Falls is located at 500 Columbus Drive, St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, A1B 3T5.

(1) Hydro Quebec (HQ) owns 34.2% of CF(L)Co. CF(L)Co has a 99 year water lease with a 99 year renewal clause. Provide details of how this will impact the of the Churchill Falls power contract renewal in 2041 re HQ etc?

(2) Does CF(L)Co (owned 34.2% by HQ) shareholders agreement require unanimous shareholders approval (100 %) for shareholder votes?

Please see below for the responses to your questions:

(1) The Power Contract expires in 2041 and there is no renewal. Upon the expiry of the Power Contract, HQ will still remain a shareholder of CF(L)Co, unless HQ has previously disposed of all of its shares in CF(L)Co. The Water Lease, between CF(L)Co and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, shall continue in effect until 2060. After such time it may be renewed, at CF(L)Co's option, for another 99 years.

(2) The CF(L)Co Shareholders' Agreement stipulates that certain decisions require the approval of each shareholder (including HQ).

It is the goal to publish this letter following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where the letter has been mailed to you.

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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner 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

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at (709) 733-5346 or by e-mail at granthiscock@nalcenergy.com.

Sincerely,



Grant Hiscock
Access and Privacy Officer

Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52(1) or 53(1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45(2).