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VIA EMAIL

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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/1436/2026)

On October 13, 2026, we received your request for access to the following records/information:

> *-Muskrat Falls should pay for itself in less than 50 years?*
> *-Does the Maritime link go back to NL HYDRO in 35 years?*
> *-How much is power demand going to increase in next 50 years estimate of course.*

Updated to:

> *Will Muskrat Falls according to this table pay for itself in less than 50 years or approximately when will it pay for itself through saving and revenue? Does the 20% power we sent to Amera for the maritime link go back to Nl hydro in 35 years if not when does it? How much is power demand going to increase in the next 50 years in nl a percentage would be good and of course only a estimate is needed.*

Please be advised that access to the records responsive to your request has been granted. Please see the Appendix A attached hereto. In keeping with our standard practice, it is our intention to post this letter on the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro website.

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, 2015** (the Act) (a copy of this section has been enclosed for your reference). 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 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
Email: commissioner@oipc.nl.ca

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court 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 has been enclosed for your reference).

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at (709) 733-5346 or by email at CassandraHearn@nlh.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Hearn

Cassandra Hearn
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).

Appendix A

The comment that the actual and forecasted revenue and net income information provide suggests that Muskrat Falls will pay for itself in less than 50 years is not correct. Under the Muskrats Fall Power Purchase Agreement, Hydro will pay for all of the construction costs, construction financing costs, rate of return, sustaining capital and operating costs of Muskrat Falls over the 50 year term of the agreement. Those costs paid by Hydro will be recovered by Hydro from Island Interconnected Customers and Rate Mitigation. Under the Amended and Restated Joint Operations Agreement by Nalcor (Hydro) and Emera, Emera will transfer the Maritime Link to Hydro at the end of the 35-year term.

NL Hydro does not produce a 50-year forecast. We do complete a 10-year forecast, with the most recent Island Interconnected forecast filed with the PUB in November 2025.
From NLH - 2025 Island Interconnected System Load Forecast Report - 2025-11-05.PDF

As the time horizon in any forecast increases, the level of error is expected to increase. Therefore, we don't publish a forecast beyond 10-year time horizon.