

June 30, 2021

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # IET-182-2021)

On June 9, 2021 the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology received your request for access to the following records/information:

Please provide any analysis or reports that examine what would need to happen with the province's electricity system if: - consumers in the province switched to electric vehicles instead of diesel/gas-powered; and/or - if natural gas was phased out in the province as a fuel for heating and consumers used electric heat instead (Changes would include: new generation capacity required, transmission/distribution system upgrades, other requirements, the cost for the changes, etc.)

IET has no responsive records on this request. Newfoundland and Labrador does not use natural gas therefore, we would have no information on anything relating to this aspect of your request. There are public reports available online at the following sites which sort of relates to the questions you ask:

<http://www.pub.nf.ca/2018ratemitigation/report/Synapse%20Energy%20Economics%20Inc.%20-%20Phase%20%20Report%20-%20Revision%201%20-%20September%2025,%202019%20-%202019-09-25.pdf>
<http://www.pub.nf.ca/2018ratemitigation/responses/PUB-NP-104.PDF>

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,



Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator