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Dear Ms. Pennell:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Application for Approval of Revised Capacity Assistance Agreement with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited Requests for Information

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-013 regarding the above-noted application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or telephone (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,


Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF**
2 the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*,
3 SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “*EPCA*”)
4 and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,
5 Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended, and
6 regulations thereunder; and
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8 **IN THE MATTER OF**
9 an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
10 for the approval, pursuant to Sections 70 (1), 71 and 80
11 of the *Act*, of the Revised Capacity Assistance Agreement
12 between Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Comer
13 Brook Pulp and Paper Limited.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

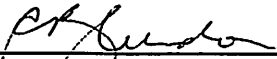
PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-013

Issued: October 19, 2017

- 1 **PUB-NLH-001** Please explain why it is necessary to enter into a new agreement at this time
2 to include this winter period when the existing agreement doesn't expire until
3 March 2018.
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- 5 **PUB-NLH-002** How did Hydro determine the amount of additional fixed cost to pay for the
6 revised capacity assistance agreement?
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- 8 **PUB-NLH-003** Schedule B, page 7 of 39 - Please revise Table 2 to include data for the
9 proposed extended Winter Period had it been in place during that period of
10 time.
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- 12 **PUB-NLH-004** Schedule B, page 7 of 39 - Please update Table 2 to include the amount of
13 notice provided by Hydro for each capacity assistance request and the
14 response time by CBPP for each of Hydro's requests.
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- 16 **PUB-NLH-005** Schedule B, page 8 of 39 - Please revise Table 3 to include the costs had the
17 proposed extended Winter Period been in place during that period of time.
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- 19 **PUB-NLH-006** Does Hydro intend to extend or revise the other existing capacity assistance
20 agreements that are set to expire at the end of March 2018?
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- 22 **PUB-NLH-007** Given the Muskrat Falls Plant has a commissioning date of 2020 why is it
23 necessary to enter into an agreement at this time that provides for a period
24 that could extend to five years?
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- 26 **PUB-NLH-008** What level of confidence does Hydro have that CBPP can meet the 10
27 minute response time when a 20 minute notification period was previously
28 required? In the response include a description of the actions that must be
29 taken by CBPP to be able to respond to a request.
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- 31 **PUB-NLH-009** Has Hydro completed a cost benefit analysis to demonstrate the benefit to
32 customers for the increased cost of this revised agreement? If yes, please
33 provide. If no, why not?
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- 35 **PUB-NLH-010** If this application is approved, does Hydro intend to file a revision to the
36 2017 General Rate Application to include the increased cost? If yes, when?
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- 38 **PUB-NLH-011** Did Hydro complete an Energy Risk Assessment update when considering to
39 extend the winter period during which it could request CBPP to provide
40 capacity? If yes, please provide. If no, why not?
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- 42 **PUB-NLH-012** Did Hydro receive any direction from Government when negotiating this
43 proposed agreement? If yes, what was the direction?
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- 45 **PUB-NLH-013** Please provide an example that illustrates payments due to CBPP for capacity
46 assistance when the amount of capacity is increased or decreased during the
47 capacity assistance period as detailed in clause 2.01 of Schedule A.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 19th day of October, 2017.

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Per 

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary