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Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention:

Ms. Cheryl Blundon

**Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: 2017 General Rate Application – Interim Rates

In Hydro's 2017 General Rate Application (GRA) filed with the Board on July 28, 2017, Hydro requested interim rates to be effective January 1, 2018. While delaying interim rates beyond January 1, 2018, will increase Hydro's proposed 2018 Revenue Deficiency and will result in higher customer rate impacts upon implementation of Hydro's proposed Final 2019 Rates, in light of the constraints in the current GRA schedule, other commitments by the Board and the Parties, Hydro recognizes that implementation of 2018 Interim Rates effective January 1, 2018 may not be feasible and is therefore proposing to delay the process and subsequent implementation of interim rates beyond January 1, 2018, in order to maintain the current 2017 GRA schedule and to permit Hydro's Application to continue in an efficient manner.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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