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Attention:

Ms. Cheryl Blundon

**Director Corporate Services & Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Blundon:

## Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2017 Compliance Application

On July 11, 2019 Hydro submitted a Compliance Application (the "Application") in response to the Board's Order on the 2017 General Rate Application (Board Order No. P.U.16(2019)). On August 23, 2019 the Board forwarded a report by Grant Thornton's Financial Consultants which summarized the results of its review of Hydro's Application. This note conveys the Consumer Advocate's comments on the Application.

The Grant Thornton report dated August 23, 2019 did not appear to find any discrepancies with Hydro's Application. It is stated (page 12, lines 35 to 38):

"We have reviewed the 2019 Test Year revenue requirement for rate setting included in the Compliance Application and reviewed the calculation to ensure orders contained in the GRA Order were appropriately reflected in the revised 2019 Test Year revenue requirement for rate setting and did not identify any discrepancies."

Neither is the Consumer Advocate aware of any discrepancies, and therefore, has no further comment on Hydro's Compliance Application.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions on this submission.

Yours truly,

Stephen Fitzgerald

Counsel for the Consumer Advocate

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