

September 9, 2019

The 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 Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

**Re: 2017 GRA Compliance Application – Hydro's Reply**

On July 11, 2019, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") filed its application made in compliance with the directions of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("Board") contained in the 2017 General Rate Application ("GRA") Order<sup>1</sup> ("2017 GRA Compliance Application"). The "2017 GRA Compliance Application" proposed customer rates to be effective October 1, 2019, including an update to the Rate Stabilization Plan ("RSP") and Conservation and Demand Management ("CDM") Adjustments that apply to the Utility Rate.

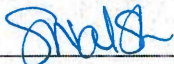
The Board provided Grant Thornton's Financial Consultants Report on August 23, 2019,<sup>2</sup> and issued Requests for Information ("RFI") on August 26, 2019. Those RFIs concerned the error in the interest rate used in the operation of the 2019 RSP, identified in the Grant Thornton Financial Consultants Report, and Hydro's rationale for the use of the flat monthly fuel cost for the operation of the test year RSP. Newfoundland Power also issued RFIs on August 27, 2019. Hydro provided its responses to all RFIs on August 29, 2019.

On September 5, 2019, Hydro received correspondence from Newfoundland Power recommending the Board approve Hydro's 2017 GRA Compliance Application, including Hydro's proposals to address the exceptions identified in Grant Thornton's Financial Consultants Report. The Island Industrial Customer Group and the Consumer Advocate advised that they had no comments regarding Hydro's 2017 GRA Compliance Application. Hydro notes that there were no comments received from the remaining Parties. Therefore, Hydro respectfully requests that the Board approve Hydro's 2017 GRA Compliance Application as submitted.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**



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<sup>1</sup> Board Order No. P.U. 16(2019) received May 7, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> "Financial Consultants Report Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Compliance Application," Grant Thornton, August 23, 2019.