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Dear Ms. Hopkins:

Re: Rate Mitigation Options and Impacts Reference - Information Requests

Attached are Information Requests PUB-NP-084 to PUB-NP-097 issued by the Board in relation to the above subject matter. Responses to these requests must be filed by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019.

If you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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- 1 **PUB-NP-088** Assuming the **Retail Transfer Option**, please provide:
- 2 a. A projection of total capital expenditures and a breakdown by major
- 3 category (excluding one-time transition costs) required to produce
- 4 the long-term “steady state” upon which Newfoundland Power has
- 5 based its projections of its expected FTE requirements associated
- 6 this scenario
- 7 b. An estimate of the period(s) over which Newfoundland Power can
- 8 reasonably complete the work encompassed by those expenditures.
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- 10 **PUB-NP-089** Assuming transfer of operational responsibility for all Hydro transmission
- 11 (on the Island only, and excluding conversion, synchronous condenser, and
- 12 other Labrador Island Link terminating activities at Soldiers Pond, but
- 13 including Labrador Island Link operation and maintenance between
- 14 Soldiers Pond and the Island end of the Strait of Belle Isle crossing) (*termed*
- 15 the **“Island Transmission Transfer Option”** hereafter in this set of
- 16 questions), please:
- 17 a. Provide *all* assumptions, data, and calculations associated with
- 18 Newfoundland Power’s analyses of staffing required on a steady
- 19 state basis
- 20 b. Specifically, detail the assumptions which support Newfoundland
- 21 Power’s projected ability to operate the assets with fewer FTEs than
- 22 Newfoundland Hydro’s current staffing.
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- 24 **PUB-NP-090** Assuming the **Retail Transfer Option**, but not the **Island Transmission**
- 25 **Transfer Option**, please provide a table that indicates Newfoundland
- 26 Power’s estimates of the increase in the numbers of transmission-related
- 27 FTEs Newfoundland Power would require to operate all of Newfoundland
- 28 Hydro’s Island 66 kV and 138 kV radial lines and terminal stations (except
- 29 those operated by Hydro within a loop arrangement) (*termed the* **“Island**
- 30 **Retail and Radial Transmission Transfer Option”** hereafter in this set of
- 31 questions), using two categories (combined to produce a single value for
- 32 each of): (a) craft and supervision, and (b) levels from there up to but
- 33 excluding the director level.
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- 35 **PUB-NP-091** Assuming the **Island Retail and Radial Transmission Transfer Option**,
- 36 please add to the table requested in PUB-Nalcor-090 the incremental
- 37 resources estimated to be required to add 138kV lines within a loop
- 38 arrangement.
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- 40 **PUB-NP-092** Assuming the **Island Retail and Radial Transmission Transfer Option**,
- 41 please provide:
- 42 a. A projection of total capital expenditures and a breakdown by major
- 43 category (excluding one-time transition costs) required to produce the
- 44 long-term “steady state” upon which Newfoundland Power has based
- 45 its projections of its expected FTE requirements associated with this
- 46 scenario.

- 1 b. An estimate of the period(s) over which Newfoundland Power can
2 reasonably complete the work encompassed by those expenditures.
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4 **PUB-NP-093**

5 For the following procurement categories (goods and services), please
6 provide:

- 7 a. The suppliers and annual spending for:
- 8 • Vegetation management contractors
 - 9 • Wood pole purchases
 - 10 • Wood pole installation contractors
 - 11 • Transmission and Distribution Construction and Maintenance
12 contractors
 - 13 • Distribution Transformer purchases
 - 14 • Substation/Terminal Station Power Transformer purchases
 - 15 • Electrical Supplies purchases
 - 16 • Engineering Services contractors
 - 17 • Generation/Hydro Maintenance and Modification contractors
 - 18 • Transmission conductor purchases
 - 19 • Distribution conductor purchases
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- 21 b. Break the annual spend listing down as follows:
- 22 • For materials, include number of annual purchased units.
 - 23 • For discrete capital projects, provide supplier, brief scope
24 description of project and contracted spend for each project.
 - 25 • For capital and operating programs, provide suppliers, brief scope
26 descriptions of program and annual combined spend.

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28 **PUB-NP-094**

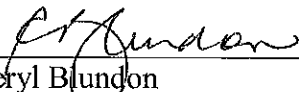
29 Assuming transfer of operation of all Newfoundland Hydro small hydro
30 facilities (*termed the "Small Hydro Transfer to NP Option" hereafter in
31 this set of questions*), please:

- 32 a. Identify which Hydro plants Newfoundland Power considers as
33 "small hydro" and why it considers such designation appropriate.
- 34 b. Provide *all* assumptions, data, and calculations associated with
35 Newfoundland Power's analyses of staffing required on a steady
36 state basis.
- 37 c. Specifically, detail the assumptions which support Newfoundland
38 Power's projected ability to operate the assets with fewer FTEs than
 Newfoundland Hydro's current staffing.

- 1 **PUB-NP-095** For the **Small Hydro Transfer to NP Option**, please provide:
- 2 a. The estimated incremental change in current Newfoundland Power
- 3 staffing (permanent and embedded contractors (if applicable) staff,
- 4 support functions and position designations (*e.g.*, operator,
- 5 millwright, engineering, safety, environmental, HR, etc.).
- 6 b. All assumptions underlying that analysis.
- 7 c. If the Exploits units are included in the Newfoundland Power
- 8 definition, please provide the information requested in parts (a) and
- 9 (b) for them separately.
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- 11 **PUB-NP-096** Please provide the current Newfoundland Power staff complements
- 12 (permanent and embedded contractor, if applicable) associated with the
- 13 operation, maintenance and support of its hydro plants, including
- 14 operational and support functions and position designations (*e.g.*, operator,
- 15 millwright, engineering, safety, environmental, HR, etc.).
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- 17 **PUB-NP-097** Assuming a transfer of operating responsibility for all Newfoundland Power
- 18 hydro generation to Newfoundland Hydro (*termed for the purpose of this*
- 19 *set of questions as the **Small Hydro Transfer From NP Option***) please
- 20 provide:
- 21 a. The estimated incremental change in current Newfoundland Power
- 22 staffing (permanent and embedded contractors (if applicable) staff,
- 23 support functions and position designations (*e.g.*, operator,
- 24 millwright, engineering, safety, environmental, HR, etc.).
- 25 b. All assumptions underlying that analysis.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 22nd day of May, 2019.

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Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary