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Board of Commissions of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 2140 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention:

G. Cheryl Blundon, Director of

Corporate Services/Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

RE: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's 2018 Capital Budget Application

Further to the above-captioned, please find enclosed the Consumer Advocate's Intervenor Submission.

Yours truly,

Dennis Browne, Q.C.

/jl Enclosure

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IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act, (the "Act"); and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for an Order approving: (1) its 2018 capital budget pursuant to s.41(1) of the *Act*; (2) its 2018 capital purchases, and construction projects in excess of \$50,000 pursuant to s.41(3)(a) of the *Act*; (3) its leases in excess of \$5,000 pursuant to s. 41(3) (b) of the *Act*; and (4) its estimated contributions in aid of construction for 2018 pursuant to s. 41(5) of the *Act*.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's 2018 Capital Budget Application (the Application)

INTERVENOR SUBMISSION

The Consumer Advocate (the "Consumer Advocate") appointed as set out in Section 117 of the *Public Utilities Act* will intervene in the above referenced Application to represent these purposes:

- (a) To represent consumers in all matters pertaining to the Application;
- (b) To advocate that the Board apply the policy established under the *Electrical Power Control Act* 1994 (the "Act") and in particular to ensure that the Application will result in power being delivered to consumers at the lowest possible cost consistent with reliable service;
- (c) To attend conferences and hearings, as the case may be, and to file Requests for Information and written submission;
- (d) And to all matters relating to the foregoing.

Dated at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 8th day of August, 2017.

Dernis Browne, Q.C Consumer Advocate