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Hon. Ricky Oram
Mayor, Town of Charlottetown (Labrador)
P.O. Box 151
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Dear Mr. Oram:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2021 Capital Budget Supplemental Application
Approval of the Construction of Hydro's Long-term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador -
Revision 1 - To Town of Charlottetown - Response to June 16, 2023 Correspondence**

Thank you for your correspondence dated June 16, 2023. Your comments have been placed on the record of the proceeding and will be taken into consideration by the Board when making its determination on the application. Your comments have also been published on the Board's website and circulated to the parties participating in the application.

Please note that the review process for this application is still ongoing. Hydro filed an expert report on March 31, 2023 and a revised application on May 31, 2023. The Board notes that, based on project approval in the fall of 2023, Hydro estimates project completion and closeout would be in the third quarter of 2027. As a part of the project review process, the Board, Newfoundland Power and the NunatuKavut Community Council have issued numerous requests for information to Hydro. Responses to these requests are now scheduled to be filed on Friday, July 7, 2023. Further process as required will be scheduled once the responses are received and reviewed. Please continue to monitor the Board's website for further information relating to the application.

The Board continues to share your concerns in relation to the continued access to a safe, reliable power supply in the Town of Charlottetown and in Pinsent's Arm. One of the requests for information that the Board issued to Hydro related to how Hydro's plans for the supply of power to Charlottetown. Specifically, the Board asked:

PUB-NLH-051 Hydro's proposed project is scheduled to be completed in the second half of 2027. Is Hydro recommending that the current arrangement in place for the supply of power to Charlottetown remain as is until 2027? If so, please detail the risks of doing so and the actions Hydro plans to mitigate them. If not, please detail Hydro's plans until such time as Hydro's proposed project is completed.

In addition, in November, 2022 the Board approved, in Order No. P.U. 32(2022), Hydro's application for capital expenditures necessary to address supply in Charlottetown and Pinsent's Arm. To mitigate the risks associated with mobile generation and ensure reliable service can be provided in circumstances where there are outages to one or more of the mobile gensets, Hydro proposed to utilize mobile generation in such a way that peak load can be supplied with the two largest units out of service.

In response to your letter the Board has again written Hydro to ask that it provide details on its plans for the supply of safe and reliable power to Charlottetown while the revised application is being reviewed and if approved, while the proposed work for Southern Labrador is being completed. Specifically, the Board asked that Hydro provide details on the gensets being used for service in Charlottetown and any other specific steps that will be taken, the timelines for these steps and how these steps may differ from Hydro's original proposal. A copy of this correspondence is enclosed for your information.

As this matter progresses there will be further opportunity for you to provide your views for the consideration of the Board. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email jglynn@pub.nl.ca or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Yours truly,


Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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Enclosure

ecc. Hon. Andrew Parsons, Minister of Energy and Technology
Hon. Lisa Dempster, MHA Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair
Yvonne Jones, MP - Labrador
NL Hydro Executive Board
Todd Russell, President - NunatuKavut Community Council
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Town of Port Hope Simpson
Town of Mary's Harbour
Town of St. Lewis