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Email to Minister Dempster - March 29, 2023



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Subject: Update on Charlottetown supply and Regulatory Process

Hello Minister Dempster,

Reaching out today with a brief update regarding Hydro 's work with Charlottetown and its application to the PUB for supply to the southern Labrador communities .

We have been working with the Mayor and Town Manager over the past few months to address the Town's concerns related to their interim supply . As you are likely aware, the Town has concerns related to the fires they have experienced . This is extremely unfortunate and we are working with the Town to mitigate these issues , and are committed to supplying a larger unit to the Town this spring which will help alleviate those situations . We are committed to doing whatever we can to alleviate the concerns of residents of Charlottetown and Pinsent 's Arm.

With respect to the regulatory process: In April of 2022, the PUB requested that Hydro complete additional analysis assessing 'all reasonable options for the provision of service in the region'. Hydro underwent a Request for Proposals process and subsequently engaged Midgard Consulting Inc. ("Midgard") to complete that additional , independent analysis.

Midgard undertook that analysis over many months in order to evaluate the numerous alternative long-term supply solutions for southern Labrador . It considered the viability of using battery energy storage systems and multiple options to account for different reliability criteria, development timing, and other factors. The scenarios aimed to satisfy three supply criteria—capacity, energy, and reliable backup. The alternatives considered ranged from refurbishing existing stations and maintaining isolated community services to constructing new regional generating stations (thermal or hydraulic) with full interconnections or interconnection with the Labrador Interconnected System .

Midgard's independent assessment has been completed and will tabled with the PUB on March 31, 2023. The report provides the PUB with detailed information regarding the suggested long-term solution.

Hydro has committed to provide a copy of this report to the Charlottetown and Pinsent 's Arm

and have a stakeholder meeting scheduled for Friday am .

We are checking in with you to set up a time to offer an update on the report 's findings and the next steps in the regulatory review process . We're happy to meet at your convenience and look forward to hearing from you.

Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks

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