

# Appendix N

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Charlottetown Town Council  
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Attention: Rick Oram, Mayor, Town of Charlottetown

Dear Mayor Oram,

In our recent letter to the Town of Charlottetown dated March 17, 2023, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") committed to providing updates to the town on the status of the regulatory process in written updates and subsequent meetings with town officials.

Midgard's independent assessment has been completed and Hydro has provided a copy of this report the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("PUB"). Hydro is honoring its commitment to provide a copy of the report to the Towns at the same time. Attachment 1 includes Midgard Consulting's report and Hydro's letter to the PUB which provides a summary of Midgard's analysis and recommendation.

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Hydro is unable to speculate on the timeframe for a Board Order; however, as stated, Hydro will continue to advocate for expediency. Following the filing of the Midgard report with the PUB and the subsequent resumption of the regulatory review process, Hydro is committed to working with the PUB, intervenors, and stakeholders to ensure timely approval of this project and allow Hydro to move forward with the implementation of a long-term solution for the residents of Charlottetown and Pinsent's Arm, as well as the southern Labrador region.

Once approved, Hydro will work to construct the proposed project as expeditiously as possible. The early stages of project execution mostly include procurement activities. An update on the schedule and status will be provided to the towns once the regulatory process has resumed. In the unlikely event that the project is not approved, Hydro will work urgently with all stakeholders to propose an alternative solution that can be executed as quickly as possible.

Hydro is committed to providing written updates to the town as the project advances. We sincerely appreciate the town's continued willingness to engage with us as we work to manage this challenging situation.

Sincerely,



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Mary's Harbour Town Council  
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