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Email to Minister Dempster and Staff - April 28, 2023

Letter to Charlottetown - April 28, 2023



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Date: 04/28/2023 05:02 PM
Subject: Update on PUB filing for Southern Labrador

Hello Minister Dempster, Tracy, Nicole and Michelle,

Minister, I'm sorry to have missed you on April 11 when you met with Jennifer Williams and Rob Collett; however, I was away at that time. Reaching out today with a brief update regarding Hydro's application to the PUB for Long-term Supply for Southern Labrador.

I understand that Jennifer and Rob offered an update on Hydro 's filing with the PUB for long-term supply for Southern Labrador, specifically the findings of the Midgard report and outcomes of the meetings with Charlottetown and NCC regarding the report 's findings. We also advised that as part of the engagement process for this filing , we were successful in meeting with those groups but were still working to get feedback from the other impacted communities to update them on Midgard's findings. We had reached out to Towns and sent copies of the report and offered meetings, but were not receiving feedback. At that time, our plan was to file an updated application to the PUB taking into consideration the findings of the Midgard report by the end of April.

Since we have not been able to complete those meetings thus far , we are notifying the PUB today that we intend to file the amended application in May . Our goal is mid-May but it is dependent on a few factors . We have since been able to tentatively schedule some times to meet with Port Hope Simpson, Mary's Harbour, Charlottetown (regular update), and are working on others. Rob has also committed to travel to Charlottetown, along with you I understand, as well as with our Senior Manager in Labrador , Rick Kennedy, and maybe others if needed, to meet with residents at a Town Hall meeting. We're attempting to schedule that for May as well.

Today I spoke to Stewart McNab, Town Clerk for Charlottetown, to advise of the revised timeframe for our PUB application, and we followed up with a letter to the Mayor . We also followed up with NCC today with a letter advising them of our intentions to file in May , and also suggested they seek application as an intervenor in the PUB process to ensure they can have insight and input to the regulatory review process . Attached is a copy of that letter , as well as the PUB letter.

We're sending this along as an FYI. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. We're happy to meet or answer any questions you folks might have.

Thanks

Deanne



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Attention: Rick Oram, Mayor
Town of Charlottetown

Via email: ctown@nf.aibn.com

Dear Mayor Oram,

On March 31, 2023, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") met with representatives from the Town of Charlottetown to provide an overview of the outcome of the analysis by Midgard Consulting Inc. ("Midgard") of Hydro's long-term supply plan for southern Labrador. Hydro also provided the Town with a copy of its correspondence to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("PUB") which included a copy of Midgard's report. In its correspondence to the PUB and during the meeting, Hydro stated that it expected to file an updated application for the long-term supply for southern Labrador with the PUB before the end of April 2023, detailing any revisions in cost, schedule, or scope resulting from consideration of Midgard's recommendations and the passage of time since the original application in 2021.

Hydro intends to file this update application with the PUB reflecting the recommendations in Midgard's report; however, Hydro has sent correspondence to the PUB, on today's date, advising that Hydro requires some additional time to engage its stakeholders to ensure that all parties are informed of Hydro's intended filing. Hydro will file the amended application, along with updated information regarding cost and schedule, with the PUB in May.

Hydro must move forward with providing this update to enable the PUB to expeditiously establish a schedule and process for the continued regulatory review, to work toward decisions and implementation of a long-term, safe and reliable supply solution for Charlottetown and Pincott's Arm.

Hydro remains committed to ensuring safe and reliable supply to its customers in Charlottetown and Pincott's Arm, and recognizes the need to obtain approval and begin the implementation of a long-term supply solution for the community as urgently as possible. Hydro continues to monitor

the performance and reliability of its mobile diesel gensets to ensure it has sufficient redundancy and operational support to enable reliable service. Further, Hydro will continue to engage with the town and officials and keep you informed on additional actions we are taking to support the safety of the town during this interim period of supply in advance of the long term solution completion.

Hydro senior leadership is currently scheduling a visit to your town to discuss further, and in addition, Hydro is available to meet with you to discuss the project and the Midgard report, and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you, and to further discussions regarding this matter and Hydro's goal of providing safe, reliable service to the communities in the southern Labrador region.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Williams

