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Dear Mr. Ladha:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2021 Capital Budget Supplemental Application
Approval of the Construction of an Interconnection between Star Lake Terminal
Station and Valentine Terminal Station - Requests for Information**

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-005 regarding the above-noted application.

If you have any questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,


Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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Enclosure

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF**
2 the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*,
3 SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “*EPCA*”)
4 and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,
5 Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended, and
6 regulations thereunder; and
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8 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
9 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for an
10 order approving the construction of an
11 interconnection between Star Lake Terminal
12 Station and Valentine Terminal Station to
13 provide service to Marathon Gold Corporation
14 pursuant to section 41(3) of the *Act*, and a
15 contribution from Marathon Gold of an amount
16 equal to the costs of the interconnection pursuant
17 to section 41(5) of the *Act*.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-005


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- 1 **PUB-NLH-001** Please provide a copy of the authorization that Hydro obtained from
 2 government to undertake activities at the Star Lake Terminal Station.
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- 4 **PUB-NLH-002** Please provide a copy of the interconnection agreement between Hydro and
 5 Marathon Gold in relation to the operation of the Valentine Terminal Station.
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- 7 **PUB-NLH-003** Please confirm that the interconnection agreement addresses the agreement of
 8 Marathon Gold to operate the Valentine Terminal Station in accordance with
 9 Hydro standards and operating procedures to ensure safety, reliability and
 10 compatibility with Hydro's system. If not, please provide details of how
 11 Hydro will ensure that the Valentine Terminal Station will be operated to
 12 Hydro's standards.
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- 14 **PUB-NLH-004** Has Hydro examined the impact of the proposed Valentine Gold
 15 Interconnection project on the reliability of the Island Interconnected system?
 16 If so, please provide the analysis. If not, please outline the rationale for not
 17 assessing any potential impact.
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- 19 **PUB-NLH-005** The Application states on page 1 of Schedule 1 that the estimated load
 20 associated with the Valentine Gold Interconnection project is in excess of 20
 21 MW for a ten-year period beginning in 2027. Other than the immediate capital
 22 work identified within the Application, will this incremental load increase the
 23 potential requirement for additional infrastructure (e.g., generation,
 24 transmission, or transformation) or accelerate any planned introduction of
 25 such infrastructure to the overall Island Interconnected system? If so, how are
 26 the costs associated with new or accelerated infrastructure incorporated into
 27 the estimated costs for this project?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 13th day of July, 2021.

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Per


 Cheryl Blundon
 Board Secretary