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### **BY EMAIL**

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Prince Charles Building 210-120 Torbay Road St. John's, NL, A1A 2G8

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2021 Capital Budget Application

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Please find enclosed the Labrador Interconnected Group's Intervenor Submission.

Copies of this correspondence and the Submission will be provided to the parties listed on the Submission.

Respectfully,

Olthuis, Kleer, Townshend LLP

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**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Public Utilities Act*, (the "Act"); and

IN THE MATTER OF and Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for an Order approving: (i) its 2021 Capital Budget pursuant to s. 41(1) of the Act; (ii) its 2021 capital purchases and construction projects in excess of \$50,000.00 pursuant to s. 41(3)(a) of the Act; and (iii) for an Order pursuant to s. 78 of the Act fixing and determining its average rate base for 2017, 2018 and 2019

# **APPLICATION OF THE LABRADOR INTERCONNECTED GROUP**

### THE APPLICATION OF THE LABRADOR INTERCONNECTED GROUP STATES:

#### Introduction

- 1. The Labrador Interconnected Group (the "LIG") jointly represents the communities of Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Wabush, and Labrador City. The businesses and residents of these communities are ratepayers in the Labrador Interconnected System.
- 2. By way of this application, the Labrador Interconnected Group seeks to be recognized as an intervener in the above-noted application.

# **Interest of the Labrador Interconnected Group**

3. The Labrador Interconnected Group, if accepted as an intervener, would be the only party representing the specific interests of Labrador domestic consumers in this proceeding. We propose to restrict our intervention only to projects that directly affect Labrador consumers.

## Disposition sought by the Labrador Interconnected Group

4. The Labrador Interconnected Group intends to take a position in the above-noted proceeding after reviewing the evidence disclosed during the proceeding.

## **Facts and Reasons Supporting Intervention**

5. The LIG intends on citing appropriate facts and reasons supporting our position after reviewing the evidence disclosed during the proceeding.

## Participation of the Labrador Interconnected Group

- 6. The LIG intends to participate in the various procedures associated with the Application, including, without limitation:
  - a. directing Requests for Information and other information requests to the Applicant as may be permitted by the Board;
  - b. participating in technical conferences, pre-hearing conferences and other processes associated with the Application;
  - c. cross-examination of witnesses appearing on behalf of the Applicant or of any other participant in any hearing on the Application, as may be appropriate in the circumstances of any hearing on the Application that may be ordered by the Board;
  - d. calling witnesses, including expert witnesses, as may be appropriate in the circumstances of any hearing on the Application that may be ordered by the Board;
  - e. making representations and submissions, through counsel, to the Board concerning the disposition of the Application, including for the award of costs to the LIG in respect of their intervention and participation in the Application.

7. Documents relating to this Application may be served on the Labrador Interconnected Group in care of:

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DATED at Toronto, Ontario, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.

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TO: Newfoundland Power 55 Kenmount Road St John's, NL A1B 3P6 Attn: Gerard Hayes

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