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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2022 Capital Budget Supplemental Application
Approval of Roof Replacement for Makkovik Diesel Generating Station - To NLH -
Requests for Information**

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-006 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
10 approval of roof replacement for the Makkovik
11 Diesel Generating Station pursuant to section
12 41(3) of the *Act*.
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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-006


Issued: March 28, 2022

- 1 **PUB-NLH-001** In the Five-Year Capital Plan filed as part of Hydro’s 2022 Capital Budget
 2 Application the project to Replace Diesel Plant Roof - Makkovik is scheduled
 3 for 2024 and 2025 with a total project cost of \$300,000. Please reconcile the
 4 total project cost in the Five-Year Capital Plan with the current request of
 5 \$634,500 to explain the increase in costs.
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- 7 **PUB-NLH-002** Schedule 1, page 5 of 10, lines 7-8: Hydro states “*The storage room and*
 8 *porch may require some sheathing repair; however, this cannot be*
 9 *determined until shingles are removed*”. Are the estimated costs for sheathing
 10 repair, if required, included in the \$634,500 expenditure request? If yes,
 11 please provide the estimated sheathing repair costs included.
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- 13 **PUB-NLH-003** Please describe the remediation work Hydro is performing to protect the
 14 sensitive electrical equipment housed in the diesel station until the summer of
 15 2023 when the new roof is scheduled to be installed.
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- 17 **PUB-NLH-004** Please explain the rationale for the original roof not being replaced when the
 18 facility underwent a significant upgrade to extend the engine hall in 2020. In
 19 this explanation, address what consideration was given to the coating system,
 20 which was applied in 2010 in an attempt to prolong the life of the roof, having
 21 minimal effect on leaking.
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- 23 **PUB-NLH-005** Considering the age of the roof and the timeline required for installation of a
 24 new roof, please explain whether it was an operations decision or a regulatory
 25 decision that the project to replace the roof was not included in the 2022
 26 Capital Budget Application. Include an explanation of the monitoring
 27 performed by Hydro that led to the determination that the degree of
 28 deterioration did not warrant an earlier replacement request from the planned
 29 2024-2025 time period.
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- 31 **PUB-NLH-006** Please explain why Hydro waited seven months from the August 15, 2021
 32 heavy rain event that caused the nitrogen-water mist station to discharge in
 33 the engine hall to apply for the roof replacement. Please address whether a
 34 more timely application would have provided sufficient time for the steel roof
 35 materials to be delivered for installation during the 2022 construction season.

DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 28th day of March, 2022.

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Per


 Cheryl Blundon
 Board Secretary