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Board of Commissioners
of Public Utilities
P.O. Box 21040
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Attention: G. Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services
and Board Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Application for Approval of the Rate Stabilization Plan Rules and Refunds to Newfoundland Power and Hydro Rural Customers

This is in reply to the Board's letter dated November 5th, 2013 requesting that intervenors in the Hydro GRA advise of their interest in participating in the above-noted matter. Newfoundland Power intends to participate in the matter, and intends to submit intervenor evidence in relation thereto.

In order to facilitate the preparation of evidence in relation to Hydro's proposed refund plan, Newfoundland Power intends to submit Requests for Information for response by Hydro. Newfoundland Power anticipates that proper interrogation of the matters in issue will require two rounds of Requests for Information.

As noted in the Board's letter, the direction from Government contemplates that the matter of the "Rate Stabilization Plan surplus refund plan to ratepayers" be included in Hydro's GRA process. This direction appears consistent with Newfoundland Power's view that a number of matters to be examined during the course of Hydro's GRA will provide necessary evidentiary context for the Board's consideration of Hydro's proposed refund plan.¹

The Board's letter implies that the matter could be considered in a process that is separate from Hydro's GRA. In Newfoundland Power's view, the specific direction of Government regarding the inclusion of the matter in Hydro's GRA process and the need for an efficient process to

¹ An example of such matters is Hydro's rates and costs forecast for 2014, which is the subject of a number of Requests for Information in the GRA to which Hydro has not yet provided responses.

establish an evidentiary basis for the Board's consideration of the matter are relevant considerations in the determination of whether the matter should be included in the GRA process or considered separately.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,



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