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Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2015 Interim Rates Application – Island Industrial Customer Group Request for Extension

The Board has considered the request of the Island Industrial Customer Group dated February 18, 2015, seeking a further extension for the filing of a submission until Monday, February 23, 2015.

The Board notes that Hydro and the Consumer Advocate object to the requested extension. The Consumer Advocate argues that the application is time sensitive and further that it would provide the Island Industrial Customer Group with the opportunity to have the benefit of the other intervenors' submissions. Hydro notes that the Island Industrial Customer Group has already had one extension and further that it would essentially provide an opportunity to the Island Industrial Customer Group to file a reply submission. Hydro also states that the extension "...could threaten the implementation of the proposed rates for March 1." The Board notes that Hydro did not file this application until January 24, 2015, and even if Hydro filed its submission as originally scheduled on Friday, February 20, 2015, it would not have been possible to have rate implementation by March 1, 2015.

This application raises complex and technical issues which significantly impact the Island Industrial Customer Group as well as other customers. The Board finds that extending the deadline by a couple of days will not materially impact the schedule and will provide the Island Industrial Customer Group with the time required to receive proper instructions from each of the members of the group and to prepare a submission in this complex matter.

To address the concerns expressed in relation to the Island Industrial Customer Group filing a submission after the other parties, the Board will allow all parties an opportunity to file submissions on Monday, February 23, 2015. Hydro may file its reply submission on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jgylmn@pub.nl.ca or telephone (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,



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