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Mr. Geoff Young
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Dear Sir:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – March 4, 2015 Voltage Collapse –
Clarification of Fuel Valve Setting**

In correspondence to Hydro following the March 4, 2015 event, the Board questioned if Hydro had determined how the fuel valve came out of proper adjustment. On March 23, 2015 Hydro responded as follows:

"Hydro has not conclusively determined how the fuel valve came out of proper adjustment. However, it has been determined that no changes were made by construction, commissioning, or operations staff. The possible reasons for the fuel valve coming out of proper adjustment include inadvertent contact with the valve or through a means such as vibration."

In evidence provided at the prudence review on November 5, 2015 Mr. MacIssac stated:

"And you're going up the learning curve, right, and people want to own the assets and operate them and in this instance, what happened is an operator intervention which changed the fuel delivery and impacted our ability to start the unit and when it was discovered, when it was restored to its previous set point, the unit fired and started and that all took place inside of about an hour and a half." (emphasis added)

Please confirm if Hydro has determined that, in fact, the fuel valve setting was improperly adjusted by an operator.

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

Yours truly,

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