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Board of Commissioners
 of Public Utilities
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**Attention: Cheryl Blundon – Director of Corporate Services
 and Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Reference to the Public Utilities Board in relation to Muskrat Falls

This is further to your letters of July 12, 19 and 21, 2011. The following tables provide an update on the status of the information requests contained within those letters, including, where applicable, anticipated filing dates.

Table 1: Board Letter of July 12, Documents to be filed week of July 11, 2011

Request	Status
1. Power and Energy Studies completed in the last 1990's and updates, if any.	CE 27 and CE 28 filed July 15, 2011
2. Optimization Studies completed in the late 1990's and updates, if any.	CE 29 and CE 30 filed July 15,2011
3. Reports on the d.c. system studies completed (may be addressed in a report requested in Item 6. below).	CE 31 filed July 15,2011 Some filed July 11, 2011
4. A report supporting the purchase price of Muskrat Falls energy by Hydro from Nalcor.	To be filed by July 29, 2011
5. All reports referred to on page 4 of 39 of Appendix B Synopsis documents, i.e. MFIOIO through MF1330. Note: For MF1300, only Volume I is required at this time.	Filed July 11, 2011
6. All reports referred to on page 3 of 9 of Appendix C Synopsis document, i.e. DCIOIO, DCIO30 and DC1210.	Filed July 11, 2011

7. Reports related to the proposed shore electrodes.	Filed July 11, 2011
8. A summary report related to the evolution of the current HVDC transmission scheme	CE 32 filed July 15,2011
9. Reports related to the Strait of Belle Isle submarine cable crossing including, but not limited to, subsea surveys, landing points, cables routing, protection methods, etc.	To be filed by July 29, 2011
10. A report summarizing the components, corresponding cost estimates and scheduled expenditures related to the refurbishment of the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station out to 2067 as a generating station.	To be filed by July 29, 2011
11. Reports with supporting documentation on the Gate 2 Independent Project Review (IPR) - Sept. 20 11 and Independent Project Analysis Inc. review of the Muskrat Falls Generation Project and Island Link Transmission Project - Sept. 2010. (New request from Board)	Exhibits 20-22 filed July 15,2011

Table 2: Board Letter of July 12, Documents to be filed after week of July 11, 2011

Request	Status
1. A report or similar documentation covering the details of the Planning Load Forecast.	To be filed by July 29, 2011– MHI already provided with document.
2. A report on the a.c. system studies completed.	To be filed by July 29, 2011
3. A report with supporting documentation on the reliability data that has been incorporated into the analyses of the two alternatives under review.	To be filed by July 29, 2011
4. A report or the information and data collected for the combustion turbines.	To be filed by July 29, 2011
5. A report or the information and data collected for the wind farms.	To be filed by July 29, 2011

6. A project definition report or "Basis of Design Document" which summarizes the project elements, studies completed and cost estimates. (New request from Board)	To be filed by July 29, 2011
7. A report related to the planned Operation and Maintenance programs planned for the generating plants, HVDC converter stations and other assets. Also, the capital plan and lifecycle cost estimates for equipment obsolesce. Report shall cover both alternatives. (New request from Board)	There is no report available, as the Operating and Maintenance costs for both alternatives are high level, and did not contemplate this level of detail. Estimates of operating and maintenance costs are included in the CPWs.

Table 3: Board Letter of July 12, Proprietary Information Requested

Request	Status
1. Report from PIRA Energy Group on fuel oil prices.	To be filed July 25, 2011
2. A report from Global Insight on escalation rates and other relevant data.	To be filed July 25, 2011
3. A report covering a Risk Analysis which identifies all significant project risks, their prevention and mitigation strategies.	To be filed by July 29, 2011

Table 4: Board Letter of July 12, Other Request

Request	Status
A full submission by Nalcor explaining the Muskrat Falls Project and the Isolated Island Option will be submitted by the end of July	To be filed mid-August

Additionally, there are 35 information requests from Manitoba Hydro International, which are being addressed concurrently with the above. A substantial number of these should also be filed within the week of July 25 – July 29. To expedite the process, Nalcor plans to file information daily, should any be completed and available for filing.

Your letter of July 21 also requested the following regarding the information filed on July 15:

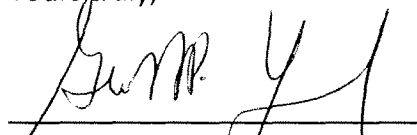
“With respect to No. 3 (d.c. system studies) and No. 7 (shore electrodes), a number of reports were filed by Nalcor which contemplated Gull Island being built first, not the current project. The Board inquires as to whether they have been updated to reflect the current Project with Muskrat Falls proceeding first and if so, when will the updated reports be filed. The Board also wishes to be advised if they have not been updated.”

Please be advised that those reports have not been updated. The process used in the current configuration has been provided to the Board’s consultant. Further details will be available in the Basis of Design document to be filed by the end of this week, in response to Item Number 6 in Table 2 above. It should be noted that the electrode configuration, design basis and cost estimate are not affected by the decision to proceed with Muskrat Falls first.

Nalcor continues to expeditiously address the questions of the Board and its consultant. The data does not always exist in the requested format, and considerable effort is being expended to provide all data in as timely a manner as possible.

We trust this is satisfactory.

Yours truly,



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cc. Mr. Thomas Johnson