



December 2, 2011

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon  
Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary  
Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities  
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

**Re: 2012 Hydro Capital Budget Application  
Phase III Schedule**

The Consumer Advocate was copied on Mr. Young's letter to the Board dated 30 November, 2011 and wishes to comment on the same.

While the Consumer Advocate acknowledges Nalcor's concerns as regards attempting to avoid undue scheduling pressures, we would respectfully view the postponement of RFI replies to March or April, 2012 as compounding an already challenging regulatory calendar.

We agree with Newfoundland Power's proposal as set out in Mr. Hayes' letter of today that responses to the RFIs be filed as soon as reasonably possible.

Yours very truly,



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