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## Via Electronic Mail & Courier

Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention: Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Application for 2012 Hydro Capital Budget – Requests for Information of the Industrial Customers (Phase III – Upgrade Transmission Line Corridor – Bay D'Espoir to Western Avalon)

We write further to the filing of Requests for Information in Phase 3 of the 2012 Hydro Capital Budget Application by the parties, as completed yesterday October 17, 2011.

We note that there was a one business day extension of time granted to the Consumer Advocate and to the Industrial Customers to file Requests for Information. We certainly appreciate that Hydro may require as a result an additional day or two to respond to these Requests for Information.

However, we are asking for the Board's and the parties' confirmation of the remainder of the Phase III schedule. In particular, the Industrial Customers wish to have the ability to plan for the attendance of one or more representatives of the Industrial Customers, including potentially an out of Province consultant, at the Phase III Technical Conference. This is presently scheduled for October 31, 2011. As we trust you will appreciate, we do not wish to make the necessary arrangements for travel and attendance, and incur the attendant costs, on the assumption of an October 31, Technical Conference, if in the assessment of the Board and the parties, this is not a firm or likely date.

We respectfully request the Board's further guidance and, if necessary, direction in relation to scheduling of the Phase III portion of this Application.

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We trust this is in order.

Yours truly,

Stewart McKelvey

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## Enclosure

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