# **PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD**

INVESTIGATION AND HEARING
Supply Issues and Power Outages on the
Island Interconnected System

## INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In January 2014 the Board commenced an investigation and hearing into the supply issues and power outages experienced on the Island Interconnected system in late December 2013 and early January 2014. The Board has now received reports from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power. The report of the Board's consultants, The Liberty Consulting Group, is expected to be filed on April 24th.

## **Board's Interim Report**

The Board will issue its interim report on **Thursday, May 15, 2014** which will address the power outage events, utility preparedness for 2014-2016, and the utilities' response to the power outages and customer issues.

Written input and comments for the consideration of the Board in the preparation of its interim report must be submitted no later than **Friday, May 2, 2014**.

### **Board's Final Report**

The Board's final report to be issued in early 2015 will address all the matters under investigation and finalize the matters addressed in the Board's interim report. This report will include an evaluation of Island Interconnected system adequacy and reliability up to and after the interconnection with the Muskrat Falls generating station.

### **Public Presentations**

Beginning in June the Board will hold public presentation days in various locations throughout the Province where sufficient interest is demonstrated. These sessions will provide an opportunity for persons (other than the utilities and intervenors) to make presentations to the Board on all matters under investigation, including the outage events, impacts, utility response and customer concerns. If you are interested in presenting at these sessions you must advise the Board no later than **Wednesday, May 21, 2014**.

#### **Public Hearings**

The Board will hold public hearings in the fall of 2014 to hear the testimony and evidence of the utilities, intervenors and expert witnesses. These hearing sessions will take place in the Board's hearing room, will be open to the public and will be webcast.

Dates and locations for the public presentations and public hearings will be published in advance.

#### **Contacting the Board**

All information and reports are available on the Board's website or from the Board upon request. All correspondence and requests for further information should be submitted to the Board Secretary as set out below.

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To have comments and submissions placed on the record you must provide your contact information, including full name, address, phone number and/or email.

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