

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Board issues procedural order in its investigation and hearing into supply issues and power outages on the Island Interconnected system**

The Board has today issued Order No. P.U. 3(2014) addressing the procedure for its investigation and hearing into the supply issues and power outages on the Island Interconnected system in late December 2013 and early January 2014. The Board's order sets out the issues, the process, the registered intervenors and the rules of procedure for this matter.

The Board has determined that certain issues should be addressed on a priority basis to allow for timely implementation of any necessary changes before next winter. These issues include a review of the system events, evaluation of possible changes to the Island Interconnected system to enhance preparedness for the upcoming winter seasons, and an examination of each utility's response to the power outages. The Board and its consultants have commenced work on these issues and the Board's interim report will be issued by mid-May 2014.

Following the issuance of the interim report the Board will begin work on its final report which will address outstanding matters, including Island Interconnected system reliability up to and after the interconnection with the Muskrat Falls generating facility. Before the Board issues its final report there will be a period of information gathering and public hearings where the utilities and Board consultants will provide evidence and any interested person can make a presentation. The public hearings will be webcast. The Board will establish a schedule of dates in the spring and will publish notice of the dates for the hearing and presentations. The Board expects that this process will take a number of months with completion of its final report in early 2015.

All information, correspondence, information requests, transcripts and reports for this proceeding can be found on the Board's website ( [www.pub.nl.ca](http://www.pub.nl.ca) ).

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