

February 23, 2015

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon
Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 12040
St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Dear Ms. Blundon:

**Re: Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island
Interconnected – Phase One Hearing**

This is further to correspondence from the Board dated February 16, 2015.

The Board's correspondence requests that the Consumer Advocate advise if he wishes to present oral testimony or if the Consumer Advocate wishes to conduct cross-examination in relation to the evidence which has been filed.

In light of the very substantial agreement of Hydro and Newfoundland Power Inc. with the Liberty Consulting Group's findings and recommendations, the Consumer Advocate is not seeking to present oral testimony and is not seeking cross-examination in relation to the evidence which has been filed. The Consumer Advocate regards the work of Liberty Consulting Group to have been very thorough and well-articulated in its reports filed with the Board.

The Consumer Advocate is pleased that the Board has retained Liberty Consulting Group to investigate and report on issues related to the prudence of and recovery of Hydro's capital and operating expenses associated with the supply issues and power outages which were experienced by Island Interconnected customers. These issues will be addressed as part of Hydro's general rate application.

Liberty's investigation and report will be important evidence in the examination of these issues at the GRA public hearing.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
Attention: Geoffrey P. Young

Newfoundland Power Inc.
Attention: Gerard Hayes

Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales
Attention: Mr. Paul Coxworthy

Grand Riverkeeper Labrador Inc.
Attention: Ms. Roberta Frampton Benefiel

Mr. Danny Dumaresque