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Via E-mail & Regular Mail

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Ronald Penney

David Vardy

Dear Sirs:

Re: Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System - Phase Two

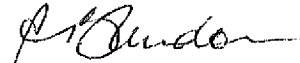
In your correspondence of January 21, 2015 you request that the Board instruct its consultants to undertake an independent review of the North Spur. You also ask that the Board obtain and enter into evidence copies of the studies which the Muskrat Falls Oversight Committee refers to in its report for the period ended September 30, 2014, and further that the PowerPoint presentation of Dr. Stig Bernander, dated October 30, 2014, be entered into evidence.

In relation to your request for the Board to instruct its consultants to undertake an independent review of the North Spur, the Board reiterates that this proceeding will not involve a study of the engineering or construction of the Muskrat Falls Project. Nalcor and the Muskrat Falls Project have been exempted from the oversight of the Board. The Muskrat Falls Project is relevant in this matter to the extent that it has the potential to impact the reliable and adequate supply of power by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on the Island Interconnected system. Whether the North Spur is a risk to the supply of power and, if so, how Hydro has addressed this risk may be an issue but the Board does not believe that it is necessary for purposes of this proceeding to engage its experts to undertake an independent review of the North Spur.

You also ask that the Board obtain copies of documents and enter certain documents on the record in this proceeding. I can provide some information as to the process which should be followed when asking for a document to be entered on the record. If you wish to have any item entered you must provide a copy of the document. You must also confirm that it is a public document or provide the permission of the author for the release of the document. In addition, where a document is proposed to be entered as evidence the author of the document must be available to answer questions and, if required, present testimony or be cross-examined. Alternatively, a third party document may be entered as an information item. Once these requirements are satisfied the documents you reference may be entered on the record.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or telephone (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,



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