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Dear Sir:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - the Board's Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System - Requests for Information PUB-NLH-231 to PUB-NLH-300

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-NLH-231 to PUB-NLH-300 regarding the above-noted matter. Responses to these Requests for Information (RFIs) must be filed by Friday, September 12, 2014.

If Hydro determines that it cannot meet the response date for any of these RFIs, Hydro must advise the Board and provide an explanation as to why it cannot respond to each RFI for which it is requesting an extension to file a response. Hydro must request an extension of time to file responses, if it intends to do so, by Thursday, August 28, 2014.

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

Yours truly,

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2	the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994,
3	SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the " <i>EPCA</i> ")
4	and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990,
5	Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), as amended; and
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7	IN THE MATTER of the Board's Investigation
8	and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages
9	on the Island Interconnected System.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

PUB-NLH-231 to PUB-NLH-300

Issued: August 22, 2014

PUB-NLH-231 Please confirm that the HVdc overhead line will have a separate shield 1 2 wire above the electrode line conductors. 3 4 PUB-NLH-232 Please provide a brief functional description of the electrode line 5 protection system. Include in the response whether the protection will be 6 capable of detecting faults whether or not the electrode line is energised. 7 8 PUB-NLH-233 Please confirm that normally all HVdc cables will be energised and in 9 service. 10 11 PUB-NLH-234 Please confirm that transducers will be provided at the dc switching 12 stations to enable detection of whether the fault is on the cable or the 13 overhead line and that the information will be communicated to the 14 converter stations by fibre optic communication and that the restart will 15 be blocked if the fault is detected to be on the cable. 16 17 Please explain the proposed transfer scheme including the timeline for PUB-NLH-235 18 the transfer and the impact on power transmission for the cables in the 19 Strait of Belle Isle in the following situations: 20 a fault in the spare cable: a) 21 a fault in the primary cable which is operating in conjunction with b) 22 the spare cable; and 23 a fault in the primary cable which is operating by itself. c) 24 25 PUB-NLH-236 Please explain the consequences of a HVdc cable failure if there is no 26 spare HVdc cable including the impact of the limitation of the HVdc cable 27 overload capability to a five minute period of 2 pu current on the supply of 28 power to the Island Interconnected System. In the response include both 29 the case of the Maritime Link being in and out of service. 30 31 PUB-NLH-237 Please explain the operating restrictions that will be imposed on the 32 Labrador Island Link in the event of a cable being out of service. 33 34 PUB-NLH-238 Please confirm that the dc cable has been designed for the polarity reversal 35 that may occur in the event of having to switch the spare cable from one 36 pole to the other. In the response include how many times during the life of the cable can such a polarity reversal be allowed to take place and the 37 38 measures that will be taken to minimise the stress on the cable resulting 39 from a polarity reversal. 40 41 PUB-NLH-239 Describe the plans Nalcor has to ensure that dc cable repairs can be 42 performed as quickly as possible including the equipment and spares that 43 will be available for such repairs to be carried out and whether Nalcor 44 intends to have a support agreement with the cable manufacturer or 45 another body for help in the event of a cable failure.

1 PUB-NLH-240 Please explain what steps have been and will be taken to minimise the 2 number of flashovers on the overhead HVdc line, noting the proximity of 3 the overhead line to the coast and the fact that the HVdc line will attract 4 much higher concentrations of salt and other pollution compared with an 5 ac overhead line. 6 7 PUB-NLH-241 It is understood that the 200ms shutdown time for a three phase or single 8 phase short circuit in the ac network near Soldiers Pond and near Muskrat 9 Falls is based on the use of a dual protection system. Please explain what 10 would happen if the breaker does not open, e.g. due to a breaker failure 11 and the consequence on the power supply to the Island Interconnected System including whether load shedding will be required and if so, what 12 13 magnitude of load shedding would be required. 14 15 PUB-NLH-242 It is understood that the HVdc cable installation will be performed by 16 different contractors. Explain how the HVdc 17 contractor/manufacturer will be involved in the supervision of the sub-18 contracts that are critical to the long term reliability of the HVdc cable and 19 whether suitably qualified consultants will be engaged to supervise cable 20 manufacture, cable coiling and cable laving. 21 22 PUB-NLH-243 It is understood that Nalcor will be doing the Horizontal Directional 23 Drilling to the cable manufacturer's specification. Please provide a clear 24 description of the responsibilities and interfaces between Nalcor and the 25 cable manufacturer and cable installer. 26 27 PUB-NLH-244 It is understood that there will be a separate contract for the rock 28 placement protection of the cable. Please state who provides the detailed specification in respect of the rock specification and the method for 29 30 placing the rocks and what supervision of this process will be provided by 31 Nalcor. 32 33 PUB-NLH-245 It is understood that the overhead line will be designed by Nalcor and will 34 be constructed by separate contractors. Please explain the project 35 management and technical expertise that Nalcor has available to plan all 36 interfaces between contracts and to manage interface issues as they arise. 37 38 PUB-NLH-246 Please provide a single line diagram of the converter stations and the dc 39 switchyards at the Strait of Belle Isle to show how the dc cables can be 40 connected and re-connected as planned should a cable failure occur. 41 42 PUB-NLH-247 Please provide a single line diagram of the neutral area of the HVdc 43 converter stations showing how the electrode line conductors can be re-44 connected and how the neutral conductors can be re-connected, if 45 appropriate.

1 PUB-NLH-248 Please confirm that in the contract for the converter station equipment that 2 the guaranteed forced outage rate of the converter station poles are 4 outages per pole per year and that this guarantee is for the scheme and not 3 4 per end, i.e. that there can be up to 8 permanent pole failures in a year 5 without penalty being payable; that the number of pole outages does not 6 include outages caused by the HVdc overhead line, electrode line or HVdc 7 cables, nor outages caused by operator error; that the number of outages is measured and averaged over 3 years; and in the event of a failure to meet 8 9 the average of 4 outages per pole, or 8 outages for the 2 poles, the converter manufacturer is allowed to extend the monitoring period for 10 another 12 months, and to then choose the best 3 years as the measurement 11 12 of performance before penalties are applied. 13 14 PUB-NLH-249 Further to PUB-NLH-248 please state what penalties will be applied if the 15 guaranteed performance is not met. 16 17 PUB-NLH-250 Please confirm that the guaranteed forced energy unavailability in the 18 contract for the converter station equipment for single poles failures is 0.5% per year; that this guarantee is for the scheme and not per end; that 19 this energy unavailability does not include outages caused by the HVdc 20 21 overhead line, electrode line or HVdc cables, nor outages caused by 22 operator error; that the energy unavailability is measured and averaged 23 over 3 years, and in the event of a failure to meet the average 0.5% the 24 converter manufacturer is allowed to extend the monitoring period for 25 another 12 months, and to then choose the best 3 years as the measurement 26 of performance before penalties are applied. 27 28 PUB-NLH-251 Further to PUB-NLH-250 please state what penalties will be applied if the 29 guaranteed performance is not met. 30 31 PUB-NLH-252 Please confirm that in the contract for the converter station equipment the 32 guaranteed forced bipole outage rate of the HVdc scheme is 0.1/year; that this number of bipole outages does not include outages caused by the 33 34 HVdc overhead line, electrode line or HVdc cables, nor outages caused by 35 operator error; the number of outages is measured and averaged over 3 36 years, and in the event of a failure to meet the average of 0.1 bipole outages the converter manufacturer is allowed to extend the monitoring 37 period for another 12 months, and to then choose the best 3 years as the 38 39 measurement of performance before penalties are applied. 40 41 PUB-NLH-253 Further to PUB-NLH-252 please state what penalties will be applied if the 42 guaranteed performance is not met. 43 44 PUB-NLH-254 Please state what the guaranteed bipole forced energy unavailability of the 45 HVdc scheme is in the contract for the converter station equipment and 46 confirm that bipole energy unavailability does not include outages caused

1 by the HVdc overhead line, electrode line or HVdc cables, nor outages 2 caused by operator error, that the energy unavailability is measured over 3 3 years, and in the event of a failure to meet the guarantee the converter 4 manufacturer is allowed to extend the monitoring period for another 12 5 months, and to then choose the best 3 years as the measurement of 6 performance before penalties are applied. 7 8 PUB-NLH-255 Further to PUB-NLH-254 please state what penalties will be applied if the 9 guaranteed performance is not met. 10 - 11 PUB-NLH-256 Please confirm that in the contract for the converter station equipment the 12 guaranteed Scheduled Energy Unavailability (SEU) of the HVdc scheme 13 is 1.0% per year; that SEU does not include maintenance outages for the HVdc overhead line, electrode line or HVdc cables, nor scheduled outages 14 15 caused by operator error; that the energy unavailability is measured over 3 years, and in the event of a failure to meet the guarantee the converter 16 manufacturer is allowed to extend the monitoring period for another 12 17 18 months, and to then choose the best 3 years as the measurement of 19 performance before penalties are applied. 20 21 Further to PUB-NLH-256 please state what penalties will be applied if the PUB-NLH-257 22 guaranteed performance is not met. 23 24 PUB-NLH-258 Please confirm that as a minimum the recommendations for spares holdings as included in the SNC Lavalin Report, Lower Churchill Project, 25 Reliability & Availability Assessment of the HVdc Island Link, dated 10-26 27 Apr-2012, filed in response to PUB-NLH-212, will be maintained at all 28 times. 29 30 PUB-NLH-259 Please state what would be the consequence on the power transmission capability of a permanent earth fault on one or of both of the electrode line 31 32 conductors. 33 34 PUB-NLH-260 Please state what would be the consequence on the power transmission capability of a permanent open circuit fault on one or of both of the 35 36 electrode line conductors. 37 38 PUB-NLH-261 Please provide the specified Reliability and Availability guarantee 39 requirements for the converter stations included in the Maritime Link. 40 providing at least the following information (using Cigre terminology): 41 Mono-polar Forced Outage Rate (i.e. the total number of forced 1. 42 outages of the complete scheme in a 12 month period). 43 Bipolar Forced Outage Rate (i.e. the total number of forced outages 2. 44 of the one pole in a 12 month period) 45 Mono-polar Forced Energy Unavailability (i.e. the number of 3. 46 MWhrs as a percentage of the scheme rating multiplied by the

1 number of hours in a year that could not be transmitted due to 2 forced outages on either of the poles). 3 Bipolar Forced Energy Unavailability (i.e. the number of MWhrs as 4. 4 a percentage of the scheme rating multiplied by the number of 5 hours in a year that could not be transmitted due to forced outages 6 7 5. Scheduled Energy Unavailability (i.e. the number of MWhrs as a 8 percentage of the scheme rating multiplied by the number of hours 9 in a year that could not be transmitted due to planned outages for 10 maintenance). 11 12 PUB-NLH-262 Please explain in detail the impact of outages and trips of the Maritime 13 Link on the security of the power supply on the Island Interconnected 14 System. 15 16 PUB-NLH-263 Please explain in detail the extent that the Island Interconnected System 17 depends on the support of Maritime Link (when in service) to avoid 18 system collapse or load shedding in the event of faults or trips of the 19 Labrador Island Link, major transmission lines, and trips of large 20 generators. 21 22 PUB-NLH-264 Provide any studies that have been performed to verify that there will be 23 no adverse interactions harmonic, dynamic or transient between the 24 Labrador Island Link and the Maritime Link. 25 26 PUB-NLH-265 The report Appendix C10, SNC Lavalin Stability Studies dated March 27 2012 filed by Hydro with the Application for Approval of the Upgrade of 28 the Transmission Line Corridor included transient stability studies that 29 showed load shedding taking place for faults other than bipole trips. Please 30 explain why this happened and what will be done to prevent load shedding 31 for those conditions. 32 33 PUB-NLH-266 The report DC1210 HVdc Sensitivity Studies dated July 2010 filed by 34 Hydro with its Application for Approval of the Upgrade of the Transmission Line Corridor included PSSE validation studies which did 35 36 not include any results of a two terminal configuration Muskrat Falls (or 37 Gull Island) Rectifier to Soldiers Pond inverter and also did not include 38 any studies of a dc line fault or a pole trip. Has Hydro or Nalcor performed 39 validation studies of a two terminal configuration and of a fault on the de 40 line? If yes, provide the studies. If no, why not? 41 42 PUB-NLH-267 Further to PUB-NLH-266 it is noted that for a 3 phase fault at the Gull 43 Island rectifier the PSSE model gives much faster de power restoration at 44 Soldiers Pond than the PSCAD model, Since the stability studies have 45 used the PSSE model, it is possible that the predicted frequency excursion 46 will be smaller than will be the actual case, and that more load shedding

1 2 3 4		will occur unless additional inertia is added to the Newfoundland system. Has Nalcor considered this? If yes, what additional inertia will be required? If no, why not?
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 38 39 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40	PUB-NLH-268	Please provide a cross section drawing of the line corridor where the ac and dc lines are run in close proximity. Please show drawings of the ac lines and the dc line within the corridor.
	PUB-NLH-269	Further to PUB-NLH-268 please explain what steps will be taken to minimise the mutual induction between the ac and the dc lines.
	PUB-NLH-270	Further to PUB-NLH-268 please explain the steps that will be taken to prevent contact between the ac line conductors and the HVdc line conductors.
	PUB-NLH-271	Further to the response to PUB-NLH-223, which states that with all maintenance complete the system can operate with all synchronous condensers in service to provide maximum security, please provide details of the anticipated operation of the synchronous condensers at Holyrood and Soldiers Pond during the peak season. Please state the minimum requirements for operation and if the remaining synchronous condensers will be available offline or synchronized to the system.
	PUB-NLH-272	Further to PUB-NLH-271 if the remaining synchronous condensers are offline what will be the risk to the Island Interconnected system in the event of a high inertia synchronous condenser being tripped because of a fault while the Labrador Island Link is operating at high power? How long will it take before an offline synchronous condenser can be put on-line?
	PUB-NLH-273	What steps will be taken in the design of the converter station to minimise prospective long term outages as a consequence of a fire in the control room, in the control building, in the neutral area, or in the valve halls?
	PUB-NLH-274	Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 2, lines 12-14 please clarify what is meant by the statement "The Island Interconnected System is planned to be able to sustain a successful single pole reclose for a line to ground fault based on the premise that all system generation is available ". Does this mean all system generation has to be in service, or ready to start within a specified time?
	PUB-NLH-275	Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 5, lines 23-27 confirm that if the Maritime Link is not available there could be a power shortfall in on the Island Interconnected system of 300MW, until at least one of the poles has been restored.

1 PUB-NLH-276 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 9 which states the power demand could be met until 2025 without the Labrador Island Link, if 2 3 300MW is made available via the Maritime Link, in what year would 4 there be a power shortage if there was no power available from the 5 Maritime Link? 6 7 PUB-NLH-277 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 8 which states that 673 8 MW of load on the Island Interconnected System will have to be shed in 9 the event of the loss of both poles and the load shedding scheme is under 10 study, state when this study of the load shedding scheme will be complete. 11 If it is complete now, provide a copy. 12 13 PUB-NLH-278 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 8-9 which states that 14 standby generation would be available in 10 to 20 minutes, information filed by Hydro in response to GT-NP-NLH-007 in the Application for 15 16 Approval of a Capital Project to Supply and Install 100 MW of 17 Combustion Turbine Generation states that the start time for the new 100 18 MW gas turbine at Holyrood is 40 minutes to full load. What impact does 19 this have on the reliability associated with the Labrador Island Link? 20 21 PUB-NLH-279 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 9 which states that 22 Hydro's standby capacity is 234.7 MW (including the new and existing 23 combustion turbines) explain in detail Hydro's plans regarding standby 24 generation required on the Island Interconnected System to supply load in 25 the event of a partial or complete loss of supply over the Labrador Island Link. 26 27 28 PUB-NLH-280 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-217, page 9 which states that up to 300 MW of import via the Maritime Link would be available in the event 29 30 of a complete outage of the Labrador Island Link and the response to CA-31 NLH-028 which assumes 300 MW is available, explain in detail the 32 sources for such 300 MW and the arrangements in place to secure access 33 to this capacity. If no arrangements are in place, explain the steps that must 34 be taken to ensure access when needed to this capacity. 35 36 PUB-NLH-281 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-218, where it is stated that "In the 37 event of a full loss of the Labrador Island Link, all deliveries on the Maritime Link will be curtailed", please define the term "curtailment". Is it 38 39 a change to the power flow or a sudden interruption of the power flow? 40 41 PUB-NLH-282 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-221 please discuss the impact of the 42 limitation of the cable capability (100% overload for 5 minutes, and no 43 continuous overload capability) on the overload capability of the Labrador 44 Island Link.

1 PUB-NLH-283 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-224 please explain what priority will 2 be allocated to measures necessary to prevent and/or minimize power 3 supply interruptions such as load shedding, for events associated with the 4 Labrador Island Link, e.g. temporary bipole and/or pole blocks, prolonged 5 ac network faults near the rectifier or inverter stations, dc overhead line 6 faults with such events extending beyond the durations which have been 7 used in the transient stability studies. 8 9 PUB-NLH-284 Update the response to PUB-NLH-004 to include data for 2014 year to date (July 31) and include the reasons for any underfrequency trips in 10 11 2014. 12 13 PUB-NLH-285 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-048 state the number of times and 14 the amount of capacity that Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited 15 supplied to Hydro each time under the arrangement for short-term capacity assistance for the period December 31, 2013 to March 31, 2014. 16 17 18 PUB-NLH-286 Further the response to PUB-NLH-048 state the total compensation paid by Hydro to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited under the short-term 19 capacity arrangement for the period December 31, 2013 to March 31, 20 21 2014. 22 23 PUB-NLH-287 Update the response to PUB-NLH-148 to include data for 2014 year to 24 date (July 31). Include in the response an explanation for each forced 25 outage in 2014. 26 27 PUB-NLH-288 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-209 confirm that contingency plans 28 relating to supply for the Island Interconnected System have not yet been 29 developed for a delay in the in-service dates of the Muskrat Falls and 30 Labrador Island Link projects. 31 32 PUB-NLH-289 PUB-NLH-210 asked that any risk analyses relating to the Muskrat Falls 33 and Labrador Island Link projects be provided. In the response only the report completed by the Independent Engineer was provided. Page 99 of 34 Attachment 1 of this response refers to a Schedule Risk Analysis 35 36 completed by Nalcor. Please provide this analysis and all other risk 37 analyses completed by Nalcor on any aspect of the projects including 38 schedule, construction risks and costs. 39 40 PUB-NLH-290 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-210, page 27 of Attachment 1 states 41 that a "Cold Eye Review of Design and Technical Specifications, North 42 Spur Stabilization Works" completed by Hatch recommended additional investigations and analyses. State these recommendations and explain the 43 44 status of any follow up investigation and analyses as a result of the 45 recommendations.

1 PUB-NLH-291 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-210, page 99 of Attachment 1 which 2 states that weather risk has been mitigated by a "mega dome", provide 3 details on this dome including the schedule for its construction. 4 operational experience of others with it and how it will mitigate the 5 weather risk. 6 7 PUB-NLH-292 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-210 which provided the Independent 8 Engineer's Report dated November 29, 2013, has the Independent 9 Engineer provided a subsequent report? If yes, provide a copy. If not, 10 when is the next report from the Independent Engineer scheduled? 11 12 PUB-NLH-293 Further to the response to PUB-NLH-211 it is understood that Nalcor will 13 manage the project and technical interfaces between the many different 14 parties and companies which will be involved in the construction of the Muskrat Falls and Labrador Island Link project. Please provide details of 15 16 the management infrastructure and expertise that Nalcor has available to 17 oversee this project. 18 19 PUB-NLH-294 Further to the responses to PUB-NLH-214, PUB-NLH-217 and PUB-20 NLH-218 confirm that for loss of one pole of the Labrador Island Link 21 HVdc transmission system the supply of power from the Labrador Island 22 Link project will, after system stability is established, be shared on a pro 23 rata basis between the Nova Scotia Block and the requirements of the 24 Island Interconnected System (IIS) with any shortfall for the IIS having to 25 be met by other generation on the IIS that is, there is no priority for 26 supplying the requirements of the IIS in the event of insufficient power 27 from Muskrat Falls to meet both Nova Scotia and the IIS's requirements. 28 29 PUB-NLH-295 A June 26, 2014 press release from Nalcor on the Muskrat Falls Project 30 states that "strategic investments to enhance system reliability" was one of 31 the contributing factors to an updated capital cost and further that "Nalcor 32 has also made several design enhancements to improve system quality and 33 reliability." Explain in detail the system reliability enhancements that were 34 made that are referred to this press release and how they improved 35 reliability for the supply of Muskrat Falls Power to the Island 36 Interconnected System. 37 38 PUB-NLH-296 In its response dated April 24, 2014 to the Liberty Consulting Group 39 Report, at page 12 of 18 Hydro referred to benchmarks for generation 40 reserve margins in the Canadian electrical utility as typically around 10% for hydroelectric systems and in the range of 15-20% for predominantly 41 42 thermal systems. Provide the information relied on to state these 43 benchmarks, state whether the utilities included for the calculation of this 44 benchmark are interconnected to other systems and explain why a margin

of at least 12% is appropriate for Hydro to use for planning purposes.

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1 2 3 4	PUB-NLH-297	Further to the response to CA-NLH-047 and CA-NLH-028 please provide the Loss of Load Hours for each year until 2037 with the Labrador Island Link in service and with and without the Maritime Link in service.
5 6 7 8	PUB-NLH-298	Further to the response to GRK-NLH-033 confirm that restoration plans relating to a failure of the HVdc line have not yet been developed and state when such plans will be developed.
9 10 11 12 13	PUB-NLH-299	Further to the response to GRK-NLH-033 explain why a repair duration of two weeks was selected as the objective for the restoration plans which are to be developed and provide the information relied on to support that the two weeks objective is appropriate.
14 15 16 17 18	PUB-NLH-300	The response to GRK-NLH-038 states that after MHI's initial review Nalcor made changes to upgrade designs and provide increased reliability particularly in the Long Range Mountains and other regions in Labrador. Explain in detail the specific design changes that were made, the time they were made and how such changes will provide increased reliability.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 22nd day of August 2014.

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