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**Via Email & Courier**

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities  
Prince Charles Building  
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040  
St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

**Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon**  
**Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary**

Dear Ms. Blundon:

**Re: 2017 General Rate Application – Witness List**

Please find enclosed Hydro's Witness List for the upcoming GRA, which we now understand could start on April 9, 2018. This list provides information with regard to the subject matters for which each witness, or witness panel, will be best suited and prepared to testify. To an extent, this has been informed by the present draft of the Settlement Agreement and we understand that the topics upon which examination will be undertaken may change depending upon the final resolution of that agreement. Obviously, the identified topics are not water-tight compartments and the list of topics might not be exhaustive of all matters that the Board and parties might wish to examine, however, it is Hydro's belief that it provides a useful summary of the hearing topics and of the corresponding areas of witness responsibility. We would add that the challenges inherent in the hearing's schedule may cause some adjustments to be appropriate to the order for the witnesses to be called.

In correspondence of yesterday's date, Mr. Luk, on behalf of the Labrador Interconnected Group (LIG), asked whether there might be certain dates set aside for discrete Labrador issues and he suggested April 17-19 for that examination. While Hydro is supportive of organizing the hearing schedule with an aim to achieve cost-effectiveness and efficiency, it appears that these dates are likely too early in the hearing schedule to focus on cost of service matters, assuming that this is the subject matter of discrete Labrador issues. With respect to the more general issues of revenue requirement and company management, it is not reasonable to isolate a period of time for Labrador issues as almost all of these issues are not discrete but apply as equally to Labrador as they do to the other regions of Hydro's operations. For these reasons, Hydro suggests that if the Labrador Intervenors (LIG and IOCC) wish to identify and discuss further with Hydro what they identify as the discrete Labrador issues, Hydro will take reasonable steps to inform the parties as to the witnesses appearances and to coordinate this with a view to achieving the travel and costs savings Mr. Luk has identified.

Ms. C. Blundon  
Public Utilities Board

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If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO**

  
Geoffrey P. Young  
Corporate Secretary & General Counsel

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cc: Gerard Hayes - Newfoundland Power  
Paul Coxworthy - Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales  
Denis J. Fleming - Cox & Palmer  
ecc: Van Alexopoulos - Iron Ore Company  
Senwung Luk - Labrador Interconnected Group

Dennis Browne, Q.C. - Consumer Advocate  
Dean Porter - Poole Althouse

Benoît Pepin - Rio Tinto

In the 2017 General Rate Application Hearing it is anticipated the witnesses will appear in the following order and shall speak to the associated topics. The order of expert witness is yet to be determined.

**COMPANY WITNESSES**

**Jim Haynes**

Policy and Company Decisions

Corporate Structure

Cost of Off-Island Supply

Intercompany Policies

Interconnection to the North American Grid

Muskrat Falls

Operating Costs

Rate Mitigation

Rates General

**Dawn Dalley**

Operating costs as it relates to Customer Service, Regulatory Affairs, Safety, Health, Human Resources & Labour Relations, Environmental Services and Corporate Communication

Corporate Structure

Human Resources and Labour Relations

Customer Service & Customer Satisfaction

Intercompany Charges related to Human Resources, Safety, Health & Environment

Rates General

Regulatory Affairs

**Technical Panel (Jennifer Williams, Ron LeBlanc, Terry Gardiner)**

Operating costs as it relates to Production, Transmission & Rural Operations & the NLSO, and Engineering Services & Information and Operations Technology

Fuel Costs

Fuel Forecast

Intercompany Charges as it relate to Production, Transmission & Rural Operations & the NLSO,  
and Engineering Services & Information and Operations Technology

Interconnection

Load Forecast

Network Additions

Open Access/NLSO/Transmission Tariff

Operating Costs

Operations

Planning

Production

Project Execution

Reliability

Rural Deficit Cost Management

System Operations

When to Access Off-Island Supply

**Lisa Hutchens**

Operating costs as it relates to Financial Services

Debt Guarantee Fee

Depreciation (along with expert)

Financial Performance

Financing Costs

Insurance

Intercompany Policies

Productivity Allowance

Rate Base

Revenue Deficiency

**Kevin Fagan**

Additional Cost of Service Information

Cost of Service Issues (along with expert Bruce Chapman)

Customer Rate Impacts

Off-Island Purchases Deferral Account (along with expert John Browne)

Rate Design

Rate Stabilization Plan

Rates

Revenue Deficiency Recovery

Supply Cost Deferral Accounts

**EXPERT WITNESSES**

**John Browne**

Off-Island Purchases Deferral Account and its consistency with established regulatory practices

**Bruce Chapman**

Cost of Service Issues

Labrador Rates Issues