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Ms. Shirley Walsh  
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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study – TP-TN-068 Application of Emergency Transmission Planning Criteria for a Labrador-Island Link Bipole Outage**

On July 31, 2019 Hydro filed a technical note with the Board entitled “TP-TN-068 Application of Emergency Transmission Planning Criteria for a Labrador-Island Link Bipole Outage” (“Technical Note”) recommending that Emergency Transmission Planning Criteria be adopted while the Reliability and Resource Adequacy process was ongoing. On August 22, 2019, the Board requested additional detail and clarification of certain points outlined in the Technical Note, which Hydro provided on September 4, 2019.

The Technical Note and the additional information detail how Hydro could respond to an extended LIL outage, with no supply available from Holyrood or Hardwoods, to minimize disruption to customers in this type of emergency situation. Hydro then states that utilization of TP-TN-068 is not anticipated in the near future and notes that:

“due to the availability of generation from the Holyrood TGS, the Emergency Transmission Planning Criteria will have no immediate reliability impact. Holyrood TGS generation serves to offload the transmission corridors and eliminates the violations of the existing Transmission Planning Criteria that would be caused by a LIL bipole outage.”

The Board believes that the Technical Note raises issues that are related to the ongoing process associated with the review of the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study. Based on the above there appears to be no urgency requiring immediate approval of the Emergency Transmission Planning Criteria in advance of the conclusion of the review. Therefore, the Board believes that emergency transmission planning criteria should be considered as part of the review process associated with the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study.

If you require clarification or have any questions, please contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email [jglynn@pub.nl.ca](mailto:jglynn@pub.nl.ca) or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,



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