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Dear Madam/Sirs:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review  
To Parties - Further Process and Requests for Information on Hydro's Long-Term Load  
Forecast Report**

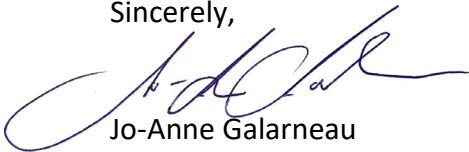
In its letter dated January 11, 2024 the Board consented to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") request to delay a meeting planned for the first quarter of 2024 until after the submission of Hydro's Reliability and Resource Adequacy Plan (the "Plan") which is scheduled to be filed in the spring of 2024. This meeting, which will be scheduled after the Plan is filed, is intended to provide the opportunity for Hydro to update the parties on its work, schedule, and proposed expansion plan.

On March 28, 2024, Hydro filed, as directed by the Board, its Long-Term Load Forecast Report (“Forecast”). This Forecast is a critical element of the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Review. To ensure there is a full understanding of the Forecast and its implications for the future capacity and energy requirements of the Province and Hydro’s proposed expansion Plan, the Board has asked Bates White, its consultant, to review and report on it. It is anticipated that Bates White’s report on Hydro’s Forecast will be provided to the parties prior to the meeting to be scheduled with all the parties on the Plan once the Plan is filed. The Board has determined that it is necessary at this time to ask Requests for Information (“RFIs”) on the Forecast to assist with the Bates White review. Initial RFIs are attached. Hydro is directed to respond to these RFIs as soon as possible and to advise the Board by May 15, 2024 as to when the responses will be filed. The parties will be provided an opportunity later to ask RFIs if they wish.

Further information on the process for the review of Hydro’s Plan will be provided at a later time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board’s counsel in this matter, Ms. Maureen Greene, KC, by email [mgreene@pub.nl.ca](mailto:mgreene@pub.nl.ca) or telephone (709)726-3175.

Sincerely,



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