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Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Frequency of Reporting by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and The Liberty Consulting Group

In its letter dated November 21, 2019 the Board requested that Newfoundland and Hydro (Hydro) provide further information on certain issues that were raised in The Liberty Group (Liberty) Eighth Quarterly Monitoring Report on the Integration of Power Supply Facilities to the Island Interconnected System (IIS). In its response on November 29, 2019 Hydro committed to provide monthly updates on the schedule status for the Muskrat Falls Project facilities (MFP) and the reasons for and implications for the IIS of any schedule changes. Hydro has filed monthly reports on the MFP commencing January, 2020 with the most recent being filed on July 6, 2023.

Hydro's May 2023 monthly report advised that the Labrador Island Link (LIL) had been officially commissioned as of April 14, 2023 in accordance with the project financing and revenue agreements. While the LIL has been officially commissioned, there remains a number of outstanding issues, including those noted in the June 8, 2023, Nineteenth Quarterly Monitoring Report by Liberty.

Given the outstanding issues, the Board has determined that, although final commissioning has occurred, continued reporting by Hydro and monitoring and reporting by Liberty should continue to assist in the assessment of the integration of the MFP to the IIS and the overall reliability of the LIL which is under study in the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review. The Board has further determined that it is appropriate at this time to reduce the frequency of reporting by

Hydro to quarterly from monthly. In addition, Hydro shall report any significant change(s) or major event(s) that may occur at the time of occurrence.

Monitoring and reporting by Liberty will also continue as part of the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Review with the frequency of reporting adjusted. The next monitoring and reporting by Liberty will be undertaken following high-power testing of the LIL currently scheduled for the Fall of 2023. If these tests are delayed, monitoring and reporting by Liberty will be scheduled by year end 2023. The timing of subsequent Liberty reports will be determined following that report.

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) 726-3781.

Yours truly,



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