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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review –
Schedule for Future Updates**

In correspondence dated May 5, 2023 the Board directed Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) to file a number of updates regarding the reports, studies and analyses ongoing for the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review (RRAS), including the current schedule for future RRAS updates and the proposed application for new generation. In its June 19, 2023 reply Hydro proposed changes to the filing dates for its Near-Term Reliability Report and its Resource Adequacy Plan. This letter sets out the Board's directions in response to Hydro's proposed changes.

Near-Term Reliability Report

In its June 19, 2023 correspondence Hydro proposed to file its next Near-Term Reliability Report in November 2023 and to adjust the reporting frequency from semi-annually to annually in November each year, commencing with 2024. The Board accepts Hydro's proposed change to file Near-Term Reliability reports in mid-November each year, commencing in 2024.

Hydro also proposed that Section 7.0 of the Winter Readiness Planning Reports be removed from that report to avoid duplication of information placed on the record. The Board approves this request on the condition that the information previously in Section 7.0 of the Winter Readiness Report be included in future annual Near-Term Reliability Reports.

Resource Adequacy Plan

Hydro also proposed that its next Resource Adequacy Plan be filled in the spring of 2024 and biennially thereafter. As there is a current process ongoing to assess Hydro's Resource Adequacy Plan, the Board believes it is premature at this time to determine a future schedule for updates to the Plan. The Board defers consideration of this proposed change in filing requirements for the Resource Adequacy Plan at this time with the timing for future updates to be considered during the ongoing Reliability and Resource Adequacy Review.

Application for Additional Generation

Hydro advised that it anticipated filing an application for additional generation in the second half of 2024. The Board, notes, however, that the schedule filed by Hydro on May 25, 2023 for planned reports, studies and analysis, ongoing as part of the RRAS Review lists a number of key reports that are not scheduled to be completed until the fourth quarter of 2024. These reports include the front-end engineering design reports for a combustion turbine and for Bay d'Espoir Unit 8. In the Board's opinion, the information in these reports would be critical to review before an application for additional generation is filed. The Board requests Hydro review and, to the extent possible, accelerate the dates for filing these key reports to ensure the relevant information is available at the time of filing an application for new generation.

The Board has concerns on Hydro's proposed overall schedule given Hydro's position on the need for new generation by as early as 2030, the construction schedule of up to eight years for any generation addition and Hydro's proposed dates for filing additional studies and applications to address long-term resource adequacy. The Board will give further direction in future correspondence with respect to studies to be completed on resource adequacy and reliability and on the need for Hydro to consider accelerating its proposed schedule.

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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