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Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study – 2019-2020 Winter Readiness Report

On August 8, 2019 Hydro provided the Board with an updated schedule for the activities leading to the commissioning of the Labrador-Island Link (“LIL”) bipole. The revised schedule noted that trial operations of the LIL bipole, which had previously been planned to begin on November 1, 2019, have now been moved so as to commence on February 16, 2020. This updated schedule information was provided to Liberty Consulting Group (“Liberty”) and was discussed as part of Liberty’s review of the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study and in Liberty’s ongoing quarterly monitoring. Liberty concluded, at page 34 of its Review of the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study, as follows:

19. “The latest LIL schedule information compels a detailed assessment of the impacts of LIL absence on reliability for the coming winter.”

In its latest Near-Term Generation Adequacy Report dated May 15, 2019 Hydro analysed various scenarios and calculated corresponding system reliabilities for the upcoming winter season. Given that the revised LIL bipole schedule confirms that the LIL will be unavailable for most of the upcoming winter season the Board requests that Hydro update the reliability metrics for Scenario 5 of that report to incorporate any changes that may have occurred since the May 2019 calculations. The updated reliability figures for the upcoming winter season should be filed with the Board with its Winter Readiness Report to be filed on October 10, 2019 and should incorporate the following:

- LIL unavailability until June 1, 2020
- Expected capacity assistance available
- Expected available import power over the Maritime Link
- Holyrood thermal DAFORs of 15%, 18%, and 20%

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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 by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,



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