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Dear Sirs/Madams:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2020 Capital Budget Application  
Board's Response to Comments on Proposed Issues for Technical Conference**

In its October 17, 2019 correspondence the Board requested that the Consumer Advocate confirm whether a technical conference was required and, if so, requested that the Consumer Advocate provide a list of issues to be addressed in the technical conference. The Board also advised that Newfoundland Power and the Industrial Customer Group should file a list of issues if they wished to participate.

Newfoundland Power stated that there were no proposals in Hydro's 2020 Capital Budget Application for which a technical conference was required but that it would participate if a technical conference was convened. The Industrial Customer Group stated that they would participate in a technical conference, if convened. The Industrial Customer Group would like to explore the issue of controls on capital expenditures as well as follow up on issues raised by Newfoundland Power or the Consumer Advocate. The Consumer Advocate confirmed his request for a technical conference and filed a detailed issues list as well as a request for all projects and expenditures to be scrutinized through a technical conference before being approved.

In reply Hydro submitted that it does not believe that it would be practical, efficient or consistent with the Board's Capital Budget Guidelines to scrutinize each and every proposed expenditure through a technical conference or hearing. In relation to the specific questions raised by the Consumer Advocate, Hydro stated that most of these issues had already been addressed in


Consumer Advocate, Hydro stated that most of these issues had already been addressed in responses to RFIs. Hydro stated that it was unsure of what additional information or clarification the Consumer Advocate may require on these issues and that Hydro would need further information from the Consumer Advocate.

The Board has reviewed the issues lists filed by the Consumer Advocate. As to the review of each project in the Capital Budget Application, the Board is not satisfied that the nature and scope of each project can effectively and efficiently be addressed in a technical conference. In relation to the specific issues raised by the Consumer Advocate, the Board requests that Hydro and the Consumer Advocate work together to ensure that the nature of the further information required is clear. This will allow Hydro to prepare appropriately so that the issues can be efficiently and effectively addressed at the conference.

The Board also requests that all parties advise of their availability for the technical conference for the week of November 18, 2019.

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](mailto:jglynn@pub.nl.ca) or telephone (709) 726-6781.

Sincerely,



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