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Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
120 Torbay Road
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Attention: Cheryl Blundon,

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Hydro Application for Approval of a One-Time Bill Credit to Newfoundland Power and an Application for Approval to issue a One-Time Bill Credit to Newfoundland Power Customers in Accordance with Order in Council OC 2020-081

Newfoundland Power consulted prior to filing the above referenced Application.

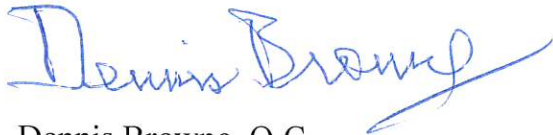
The purpose of the Order in Council is to provide one-time financial relief to ratepayers due to the financial crisis caused by the Pandemic. The Rate Stabilization Plan will adjust for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and Newfoundland Power will be provided a one-time wholesale bill credit. Thereby Newfoundland Power will be enabled to provide ratepayers a one-time bill credit as early as practicable and through the methodology as determined by the Board.

Similarly, Hydro's rural customers who are subject to the Rate Stabilization Plan will receive a similar credit.

The Order in Council makes no mention of the Island Industrial Customer Group. The June 1 correspondence from the Island Industrial Customer assumes standing. However, from reading the Order in Council and the Application it seems clear there is no opportunity for the Island Industrial Customers to interlope in this particular Application.

We support this Application and request this matter be dealt with expeditiously to ensure financial relief for ratepayers during this difficult time. This was the intent of the Order in Council.

Yours truly,



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