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Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Application for the Disposition of Balances within the Hydraulic Resources Optimization Deferral Account - Requests for Information

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-004 regarding the above-noted matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacquelyn, by email, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Galarneau
Executive Director and Board Secretary

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the **Electrical Power**
2 **Control Act**, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1
3 (the “**EPCA**”) and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL
4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “**Act**”), as amended,
5 and regulations thereunder; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for
9 the disposition of balances within the
10 Hydraulic Resources Optimization Deferral
11 Account, pursuant to sections 70(1) and 80
12 of the **Act**.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-004

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- 1 **PUB-NLH-001** Schedule 1, page 2. Hydro noted that the Third Amended and Restated Pilot
 2 Agreement of Hydraulic Resources has been extended to December 31, 2025.
 3 When does Hydro plan to conclude the pilot agreement and provide the Board
 4 with final agreements relating to ponding and spill energy?
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- 6 **PUB-NLH-002** The Application proposes the disposition of the balance in the Hydraulic
 7 Resources Optimization Deferral Account as of December 31, 2023. Has Hydro
 8 considered transferring the balance as of December 31, 2024 and treating any
 9 difference after finalization as a “true up” adjustment? If not please explain.
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- 11 **PUB-NLH-003** The definition of the Hydraulic Resources Optimization Deferral Account
 12 (“Deferral Account”) states that Hydro will file a separate application for Board
 13 approval of the disposition of the balance in the account. Has Hydro
 14 considered how the disposition of any accumulated balance in this Deferral
 15 Account will be treated on a go forward basis, such as an annual application
 16 for disposition or an annual transfer to the “Net Revenues from Export”
 17 component within the Supply Cost Variance Deferral Account? Please advise
 18 of other disposition options and why Hydro would or would not propose them
 19 at this time.
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- 21 **PUB-NLH-004** Schedule 1, page 3, Section 2.1.2 and page 7, Table 1. Hydro’s explanation of
 22 the 2019 Activities notes that the Hydraulic Resources Optimization Deferral
 23 Account (“Deferral Account”) reflects \$0.3 million of net profit relating to
 24 ponding and \$0.1 million of net benefit to customers related to spill avoidance.
 25 This would result in an estimated total balance of \$0.4 million of activity. Table
 26 1 reflects the total balance in the Deferral Account as of December 31, 2019
 27 as \$272,369. Please reconcile these two figures.

DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 13th day of March, 2025.

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Jo-Anne Galarneau

Executive Director and Board Secretary