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Mr. Gerard Hayes
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Dear Mr. Hayes:

**Re: Newfoundland Power Inc – 2018 Capital Budget Application
Requests for Information**

Enclosed are Information Requests PUB-NP-001 to PUB-NP-007 regarding the above-noted application.

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) 726-6781.

Yours truly,

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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Enclosure

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF**
2 *the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994,*
3 *SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “EPCA”)*
4 *and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990,*
5 *Chapter P-47 (the “Act”), as amended; and*
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** capital expenditures
8 and rate base of Newfoundland Power Inc.; and
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10 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
11 Newfoundland Power Inc. for an order pursuant
12 to Sections 41 and 78 of the Act:
13 (a) approving a 2018 Capital Budget of \$83,876,000;
14 (b) approving certain capital expenditures related to
15 multi-year projects commencing in 2018; and
16 (c) fixing and determining a 2016 rate base of
17 \$1,061,044,000
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PUB-NP-001 to PUB-NP-007

Issued: August 7, 2017

1 **Schedule B: Replacements Due to In-Service Failures (Pooled), pages 12- 13**

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3 **PUB-NP-001** Please provide additional details of the engineering assessment of historical
4 expenditures that is performed and used as the basis for the budget.
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7 **Tab 1.2: Purchase Mobile Generation**

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9 **PUB-NP-002** Newfoundland Power has stated that the current mobile gas turbine is rated at
10 6,750 kW and its use for system support has increased in the last 5 years. In
11 these circumstances, why would Newfoundland Power consider purchasing a
12 unit size at the lower end of the 3.5 MW to 7.5 MW range?
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14 **PUB-NP-003** What rating (MW) was used in developing the total cost estimate of
15 \$13,915,000?
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18 **Tab 3.1: 2018 Transmission Line Rebuild**

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20 **Page 2 of the report states**

21 *“...maintenance either requires extended outages or mobile generation to supply the*
22 *customers of the Baie Verte Peninsula. The other option is the use of hot-line work*
23 *methods, which are expensive and time consuming because of work safety requirements*
24 *associated with energized 138 kV lines.”*
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26 **PUB-NP-004** Has Newfoundland Power performed any cost benefit studies comparing the
27 different methods of maintaining transmission lines (e.g. mobile generation,
28 redundant lines, customer outages and hot-line work)? If yes, please provide
29 details? If no, why not?
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32 **Tab 5.2: 2018 System Upgrades: Page 2 Geographic Information System Upgrade**

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34 **PUB-NP-005** When did Newfoundland Power receive notice that vendor support for the
35 GIS will cease in June 2017?
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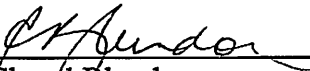
37 **PUB-NP-006** What contingency plan does Newfoundland Power have in place should a GIS
38 issue requiring vendor support occur after June 2017 but before the upgrade is
39 completed?
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42 **Tab 5.3: 2018 Shared Server Infrastructure**

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44 **PUB-NP-007** Did Newfoundland Power compare the requested \$225,000 purchase with the
45 option of entering into a new lease, similar to existing, for replacement of
46 high-volume printing equipment in the production centre? If yes, please
47 provide details? If no, why not?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 7th day of August, 2017.

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Per  _____
Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary