

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
INVESTIGATION AND HEARING
SUPPLY ISSUES AND POWER OUTAGES ON THE ISLAND INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM

PHASE ONE HEARING
INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In January 2014 the Board commenced an investigation and hearing into the supply issues and power outages experienced on the Island Interconnected system in late December 2013 and early January 2014. The investigation is being undertaken in two phases: **Phase One** concerns the adequacy and reliability of supply on the Island Interconnected system up to the interconnection with Muskrat Falls; and **Phase Two** relates to adequacy and reliability of supply after Muskrat Falls interconnection.

Phase One Reports

The interim report of the Board's consultants The Liberty Consulting Group, dated April 24, 2014, provided preliminary conclusions and recommendations relating to adequacy and reliability of supply on the Island Interconnected system. The Board's interim report, dated May 15, 2014, set out the required key actions that should be taken in advance of interconnection with Muskrat Falls. The investigation continued throughout 2014 as the Board, with the assistance of its consultants, monitored the utilities' progress in relation to the required key actions for the upcoming winter.

In December 2014 the Board received the Phase One reports of The Liberty Consulting Group relating to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power. Both utilities filed replies to Liberty's reports in January 2015. These reports are available on the Board's website (www.pub.nl.ca).

Phase One Hearing

The Board has now scheduled a hearing at which interested persons will have the opportunity to provide input on this phase of the investigation.

The hearing will commence on **Monday, March 30, 2015 at 10 a.m.** at the Board's offices in St. John's. A request to make a presentation to the Board must be filed with the Board in writing by **Thursday, March 19, 2015**, setting out the nature of your presentation and full contact information, including name, address, phone number and/or email.

Written comments related to Phase One must be submitted no later than **Tuesday, April 7, 2015**, including your name, address, phone number and/or email.

Conclusion of Phase One

The Board's Phase One report will be issued following the hearing and will address Island Interconnected system adequacy and reliability up to the interconnection with Muskrat Falls and will finalize the matters raised in the Board's interim report.

Phase Two of the investigation is expected to continue throughout 2015 and a further notice in relation to Phase Two will be published later this year.

Contacting the Board

All information and reports related to the investigation are available on the Board's website (www.pub.nl.ca). All correspondence and requests for further information should be submitted to the Board Secretary, Ms. Cheryl Blundon, as set out below.

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