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Re: Net metering program applications

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association (NEIA), I am writing in support of the net metering program applications submitted to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities by both Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

With a rise in electricity rates on the horizon for this province, it is important that consumers are enabled to mitigate this impact through the ability to tie small-scale energy technologies to the grid. This is particularly true for private sector firms in the province who have already been at a disadvantage to their competitors in other jurisdictions – competitors who have been able to reduce their energy costs through a net metering program for several if not many years.

As almost every other jurisdiction in North America has had a net metering program of some kind in place, there was a wealth of empirical evidence available to the applicants to inform them on how their proposed programming could be structured as to both (1) allow for grid tie-in, and (2) protect the ratepayer from cross-subsidization. We believe that the net metering program applications submitted by Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro achieve this balance.

Net metering will provide electricity consumers with an important option to make a strategic investment to manage increasing energy costs.

Sincerely,



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*Executive Director*