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Ms. Darlene Whalen
Chair - Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
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Dear Ms. Whalen:

RE: Interim Report on Rate Mitigation Options and Impacts

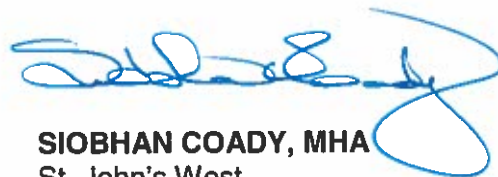
Thank you for your February 15, 2019 interim report in response to Government's Reference to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the Board) on September 5, 2018.

Our Government sincerely appreciates the work the Board Commissioners and Board staff have completed to date to assist Government in assessing the impacts of Muskrat Falls Project costs on electricity rates and outlining options for addressing these impacts. The information the Board has provided is timely and useful for informing the concurrent work our Government is carrying out to develop and implement a plan to pay for Muskrat Falls. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is working diligently to address Muskrat Falls cost impacts and we will carefully assess the insights and analysis the Board has provided in its interim report.

As we carry out our work and determine any actions we can take in the near term in advance of the Board's final report in January 2020, we commit to keep the Board apprised of our plans and provide guidance accordingly to the Board. While we recognize the interim report contains preliminary findings and significant work remains to more fully assess and quantify cost impacts and the options to offset them, our Government agrees that work can and should progress in advance of the Board's final report.

I thank you for your preliminary findings and comments and we look forward to following the progress of the Board's reference work and receiving the final report by January 31, 2020.

Sincerely,



SIOBHAN COADY, MHA
St. John's West
Minister

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