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# Labrador Interconnected Group

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Dear Sirs/Madam:

#### Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Labrador Interconnected System Network Additions Policy Review and Labrador Interconnected System Transmission Expansion Study - Process

The Board has reviewed the record related to the proposed Labrador Interconnected System Network Additions Policy and Labrador Interconnected System Transmission Expansion Study and believes that Hydro's proposals raise important issues which require further information and evaluation. The Board has determined that it requires assistance to address the issues raised and will engage Brattle Group to provide a report to the Board.

Upon completion of the Brattle Group report the parties will be provided a copy and a schedule will be established to conclude the proceeding.

The Board notes that, pursuant to Order No. P.U. 18(2019), there is a load restriction in place for Labrador East which will continue until a further order of the Board. In light of the fact that this proceeding is now likely to continue into the fall the Board believes it may be appropriate to consider whether there should be changes to the load restriction, such as setting out further guidelines with respect to the application of the restriction or extending the restriction to the remainder of the Labrador Interconnected system. In this regard the Board asks that Hydro and the parties provide their comments as to what, if any, changes should be considered.

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 by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

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Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary

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