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Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
12 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040
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Attention: Jo-Anne Galarneau, Executive Director and Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Galarneau:

In response to the NL Hydro's application to the PUB, looking for approval to construct a regional diesel plant in southern Labrador, I would offer the following comments:

- It seems ironic that the Federal and Provincial government leaders are pushing for a green environment, clean energy, and 0 emissions by 2030 and NL Hydro (which is a Crown Corporation) is proposing to construct a regional diesel plant to supply this area with electricity for the foreseeable future.
- Again, it is very ironic that the Federal and Provincial governments are offering rebates to switch from burning fossil fuels to heat homes so they will install electric heat &/or heat pumps. With electricity to power these heaters coming from diesel plants, what is the rationale? It is not good for the environment, plus the cost of electricity supplied by diesel generators means that it will also be unaffordable.
- If the cost of converting the power from DC to AC is a reason for not extending the grid to southern Labrador, maybe bringing the power back from the Island through a subsea cable should be investigated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Application.

Sincerely yours,

