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Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Exemption to Regulation 17 for Temporary Restriction for Load Additions in Labrador East and West - Requests for Information

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-008 regarding the above- noted application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email jglynn@pub.nl.ca or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Yours truly,

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- 2 the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994,
- 3 SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "**EPCA**")
- 4 and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL 1990,
- 5 Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), as amended,
- 6 and regulations thereunder; and

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IN THE MATTER OF

- 9 an application by Newfoundland and Labrador
- 10 Hydro for approval of exemption to Regulation 17
- which limits new load additions in Labrador East and
- 12 West pursuant to section 71 of the Act.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-008

Issued: May 2, 2024

1 PUB-NLH-001 Hydro states that, since the approval of the Network Additions Policy, it has 2 been confirming and formalizing customer requests for incremental load. How 3 did Hydro determine that the 5 customers described in paragraph 15 should 4 receive service at this time? 5 6 PUB-NLH-002 Please explain why Hydro has requested an exemption from Regulation 17 for 7 Spruce Meadow Farms when its projected load of 190 kW is below the 200 kW 8 load restriction threshold. 9 10 PUB-NLH-003 (a) Please identify the customers that meet the criteria identified in previous 11 applications for an exemption to Regulation 17 and provide details on 12 how each of the customers meet the criteria identified in previous 13 applications for an exemption to Regulation 17. 14 15 Please confirm that Hydro requests an exemption from Regulation 17 for (b) the customers that do not meet the criteria identified in previous 16 17 applications for an exemption to Regulation 17 based on additional load 18 being available. If not, or if there are other reasons that it may be 19 appropriate to approve the service connection, please explain why an 20 exemption should be permitted for these customers. 21 22 PUB-NLH-004 Hydro states that it is not requesting that the load restriction be lifted in its 23 entirety. Please explain the circumstances under which Hydro would ask 24 Regulation 17 to be removed. 25 26 PUB-NLH-005 (a) Please provide a time frame for when each customer will be made aware 27 of whether charges will be necessary under the Network Additions Policy 28 and provide an estimate of the amount that will be required from each 29 customer. 30 31 Please comment on whether the Board should delay its approval of (b) 32 exemptions under Regulation 17 for these customers until it is confirmed 33 whether charges will be necessary under the Network Additions Policy 34 and whether the customer will be willing to pay such charges, if 35 necessary. 36 37 PUB-NLH-006 Hydro states that preliminary analysis indicates that with the inclusion of 38 these customers, along with normal forecast load growth, additional capital 39 investment could be as early as 2031, which would be an acceleration of the

existing Transmission Expansion Plan.

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1		a) If the Board approves the application allowing Hydro to provide service
2		to the proposed customers, how much firm capacity will remain available
3		to serve any additional firm load growth in Labrador East?
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5		b) When will Hydro be filing a capital application to provide additional firm
6		transmission capacity to Labrador East and when would this firm
7		transmission capacity expected to be in service?
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9	PUB-NLH-007	Has Hydro approached the customers requesting additional loads to discuss
10		opportunities to incorporate CDM initiatives into their facilities to minimize
11		the maximum demand requirements of each customer. If no, why not?
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13	PUB-NLH-008	In its cover letter, Hydro states that total estimated peak load of all five
14		customers is approximately 22 MW. Please reconcile this amount with the
15		breakdown of connected load in each customer's request for service.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 2nd day of May, 2024.

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Per /

Jo-Anne Galarneau Board Secretary