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October 31, 2013

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities P.O. Box 21040 120 Torbay Road St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention:

G. Cheryl Blundon

Director of Corporate Services

and Board Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro – 2013 General Rate Application – Schedule for Responses to Requests for Information

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This is in reply to the Board's letter dated October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 requesting that comments related to Hydro's correspondence dated October 29<sup>th</sup> be submitted to the Board this morning.

Newfoundland Power observes that as of 4:00 pm yesterday Hydro had filed a total of 658 responses to the 877 Requests for Information submitted in the first round. In light of the proportion of first-round Requests for Information that remain unanswered, the scheduling suggestion put forward in Hydro's letter of October 29<sup>th</sup> appears to Newfoundland Power to be impractical.

It appears to Newfoundland Power that, in order to ensure an orderly process for this proceeding, a meeting of counsel is required so the views of all parties with respect to the scheduling of this proceeding can be fully and properly considered.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

Gerard M. Hayes Senior Counsel

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This total includes at least 29 responses for which revisions are anticipated when forecast information becomes available.

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