

February 9, 2024

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
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Attention: Jo-Anne Galarneau
Executive Director and Board Secretary

**Re: Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Planned Reports, Studies, and Analyses –
Response to Further Comments and Directions**

In correspondence dated May 25, 2023,¹ in response to direction from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”),² Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) filed a list of reports, studies, and analyses underway or planned with respect to issues in the ongoing Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review proceeding. Since that time, the Board and Hydro have exchanged multiple letters with respect to further actions to be taken and reports developed.³ In its most recent correspondence, the Board provided further comments and directions.⁴

The Board directed Hydro to advise why two of the reports listed in the May 25, 2023 correspondence—the Combustion Turbine FEED⁵ and Bay d’Espoir FEED—were not included in Table 1 of Hydro’s January 19, 2024 correspondence and to provide the anticipated date for filing these reports. In Table 1 of its January 19, 2024 correspondence, Hydro indicated that it would file application(s) for the approval of construction of additional generation in the fourth quarter of 2024. As a footnote to that entry, Hydro noted that the appropriate FEED documentation would be filed with the application(s). These documents will be reviewed as evidence supporting the application(s).

¹ “Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – List of Planned Reports, Studies, and Analyses,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, May 25, 2023.

² As per “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – To Parties – Further Process,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, May 5, 2023, in its May 25, 2023 filing, Hydro provided a comprehensive list of all reports, studies, and analyses currently underway or planned with respect to the reliability of the Labrador-Island Link (“LIL”), potential alternative generation resources, the load forecast, and other issues raised in the “Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study – 2022 Update,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, October 3, 2022 (“2022 Update”).

³ “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review Planned Reports, Studies and Analyses,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, August 28, 2023; “Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Planned Reports, Studies and Analyses – Response to Directions from Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, September 22, 2023; “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review Planned Reports, Studies and Analyses – Further Comments and Directions,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, October 12, 2023; and “Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Planned Reports, Studies, and Analyses – Response to Further Comments and Directions,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, dated January 19, 2023. There was a typographic error in the date on the letter dated January 19, 2023. The intended date was January 19, 2024, the date of its filing.

⁴ “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review Planned Reports, Studies and Analyses - Further Comments and Directions,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, dated January 11, 2024, received by Hydro on February 6, 2024.

⁵ Front-end engineering design (“FEED”).

The Board also reiterated its direction to include information in the next update to the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study (2024 Resource Adequacy Plan) on the potential for short-term sales to Quebec. As Hydro has previously noted, there are constraints impacting the short-term sales to Quebec and exports via the Quebec path. If these conditions change prior to the filing of the 2024 Resource Adequacy Plan, Hydro will provide an update to the Board.

Hydro continues to do its utmost to progress the work necessary to determine and support the decisions necessary to ensure safe, reliable, environmentally responsible service to the province at the lowest possible cost.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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