

December 15, 2023

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

Attention: Jo-Anne Galarneau
Executive Director and Board Secretary

Re: *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Further Process – Request for Delay*

In correspondence dated May 5, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”) indicated its intent to schedule a meeting in the fall of 2023 to allow Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) to provide an update on the issues, its work, and the schedule in relation to the *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review* proceeding (“*RRA Study Review*”).¹ In November 2023, the Board advised that the scheduling of this meeting would be deferred until the first quarter of 2024, to provide the necessary time for the parties to review the reports Hydro has filed over the past months and to provide time for the Board’s new consultant, Bates White LLC (“Bates White”),² to participate in the meeting.³

Hydro has additional filings planned for the first quarter of 2024, prior to its submission of the Resource Adequacy Plan in the spring of 2024.⁴ Hydro believes that scheduling the update meeting after the submission of the Resource Adequacy Plan, which will include Hydro’s expansion plan, will enable the parties to have a more fulsome view of the information and analyses. Hydro believes this would result in a more comprehensive and effective discussion, allowing a greater opportunity for the Board, the parties, and Bates White to review all reports and information relating to the *RRA Study Review* filed prior to the meeting date.

Hydro is requesting the Board delay the update meeting until the second quarter of 2024, following the submission of the Resource Adequacy Plan.

Hydro appreciates the Board’s consideration in this matter.

¹ “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review - To Parties - Further Process - Update,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, May 5, 2023.

² “PUB hires new engineering consulting firm,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, December 7, 2023. <<http://www.pub.nf.ca/download/2023/Media%20Release%20-%20PUB%20hires%20Bates%20White%20to%20replace%20Liberty%20Consulting%20-%202023-12-07.PDF>>.

³ “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review - To Parties - Further Process - Update,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, November 2, 2023.

⁴ “*Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Listing of Planned Reports, Studies, and Analyses*,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, May 25, 2023, Table 1 and att. 1.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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