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Ms. Shirley Walsh  
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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study  
Review – Further Information Required**

There have been two recent announcements which may have implications for the ongoing review of the adequacy and reliability of the interconnected system. On September 28, 2020, it was announced that there is a further delay to September 30, 2021 (from November 18, 2020) in the availability of full power from the Muskrat Falls Project. This week the potential closure of the North Atlantic oil refinery arose. Given these recent developments, it is necessary that further information be made available to assist in the review of near term adequacy and reliability. The Board requires that Hydro in its November 15, 2020 Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Update:

- (i) extend the assessment of system reliability to 2023 provided in the November 2019 Update to include an assessment of system reliability with no availability of the Labrador Island Link for 2024;
- (ii) provide an assessment of the ability of the Holyrood Thermal Generation Station to be extended as a generating plant beyond the current planned closure date of March, 2023 until 2024; and
- (iii) include in its assessment the implications of a permanent closure of the oil refinery.

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

Sincerely,



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