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## Via Electronic Mail

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

Attention: Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon

**Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2024 Capital Budget Application

In relation to the above noted, please find enclosed the Intervenors' Submission of the Island Industrial Customers Group.

We trust you find the foregoing satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

POOLE ALTHOUSE

Dean A. Porter

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Labrador Interconnected Group Senwung F. Luk, Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP Nick Kennedy, Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, c P-47 (the "Act"); and

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for approval of:

- (a) its capital budget for 2024, pursuant to Section 41(1) of the Act;
- (b) its proposed capital purchases and construction projects for 2024 in excess of \$750,000, pursuant to Section 41(3)(a) of the Act; and
- (c) for an Order, pursuant to Section 78 of the Act, fixing and determining its average rate base for 2022 ("Application").

To: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities

#### INTERVENORS' SUBMISSION OF THE ISLAND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS GROUP

TAKE NOTICE that Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, Braya Renewable Fuels (Newfoundland) LP (formerly NARL Refining Limited Partnership) and Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited (the "Island Industrial Customers Group"), through their solicitors Poole Althouse, Stewart McKelvey and Cox & Palmer, hereby give notice of their intention to participate in the within Application in their respective positions as Island Industrial Customers of the Applicant Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (the "Applicant") which are affected by the rates charged by the Applicant.

### **Interest of the Island Industrial Customers Group**

 Each of the Members of the Island Industrial Customers Group presently own and operate on the Island of Newfoundland substantial industrial operations, each of which is a major consumer of power from the Applicant.

# **Disposition Sought by the Island Industrial Customers Group**

2. Given the recent filing of the Application, and the various matters raised by the Application and to be addressed by Requests for Information and by other pre-hearing and hearing processes, the

Island Industrial Customers Group does not yet have sufficient information, and have not yet had sufficient opportunity, to formulate particular dispositions with respect to the various approvals sought by the Applicant.

# **Facts and Reasons Supporting Intervention**

3. The Island Industrial Customers Group repeat the foregoing paragraph and state that there has not yet been sufficient opportunity for the Island Industrial Customers Group to submit what facts they intend to show in evidence or for what reasons the Board should dispose of the various approvals sought by the Applicant in a particular manner.

#### Participation of the Island Industrial Customers Group

- 4. The Island Industrial Customers Group intends to participate in the various procedures associated with the Application including, without limitation:
  - (a) directing Requests for Information and other information requests to the Applicant as may be permitted by the Board;
  - (b) participating in technical conferences, pre-hearing conferences and other processes associated with the Application;
  - (c) cross-examination of witnesses appearing on behalf of the Applicant or of any other participant in any hearing on the Application, as may be appropriate in the circumstances of any hearing on the Application that may be ordered by the Board;
  - (d) calling witnesses, including expert witnesses, as may be appropriate in the circumstances of any hearing on the Application that may be ordered by the Board;
  - (e) making representations and submissions, through counsel, to the Board concerning the disposition of the Application, including for the award of costs to the Island Industrial Customers Group in respect of their intervention and participation in the Application.

Documents relating to this hearing can be served on the Island Industrial Customers Group in care of:

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**DATED** at Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2023.

Per:

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COX & PALMER
Per: Denis J. Fleming

TO: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
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TO: Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro Attention: Ms. Shirley Walsh, NLH Regulatory

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