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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2025 Capital Budget Supplemental Application - Application for Early Execution Capital Work for Bay d'Espoir Unit 8 and an Avalon Combustion Turbine - Refile - Requests for Information**

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-009 regarding the above-noted matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacquelyn, by email, jglynne@pub.nl.ca or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Galarneau  
Executive Director and Board Secretary

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the **Electrical Power**  
2 **Control Act, 1994**, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1  
3 (the “**EPCA**”) and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL  
4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “**Act**”), as amended,  
5 and regulations thereunder; and  
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for the  
9 approval of capital expenditures necessary  
10 for certain capital related to the future  
11 construction of Bay d’Espoir Hydroelectric  
12 Generating Facility Unit 8 and the Avalon  
13 Combustion Turbine, pursuant to section 41(3)  
14 of the **Act**.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD**  
**REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-009**

**Issued: April 2, 2025**

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## **Avalon Combustion Turbine**

**PUB-NLH-001** Schedule 1, Table 1, page 5. Please provide details of the scope of work required for each expenditure listed in Table 1. Include in the response why each scope of work is required to be completed at this time and when Hydro expects each of the expenditures to be made. In relation to the Combustion Turbine Procurement and GSU Transformer Procurement, please detail what is included in the scope of work, for example, non-refundable deposits, reservations for a manufacturing time slot, initial payments on supply contracts, fees related to cancellation clauses, etc.

**PUB-NLH-002** Schedule 1, page 5, states:

“...The contracting strategy for the Early Execution will include mechanisms, where appropriate, to enable Hydro to limit or cancel the services or procurement in the event Board approval is not provided on the 2025 Build Application”.

- a) Please describe the mechanisms available to limit or cancel the services for the procurement of the combustion turbine and the GSU transformer.
- b) Has Hydro determined whether it will issue RFP package(s) for the Avalon Combustion Turbine with cancellation clauses?

**PUB-NLH-003** In relation to the Avalon Combustion Turbine, please advise what decisions, if any, made during the Early Execution Capital Work may bind Hydro and limit other available options during the 2025 Build Application, for example entering a detailed procurement contract early in the build process. Please describe the potential impacts of these decisions.

## **Bay d’Espoir Unit B**

**PUB-NLH-004** Schedule 1, Table 2, page 9. Please provide details of the scope of work required for each expenditure listed in Table 2. Include in the response why each scope of work is required to be completed at this time and when Hydro expects each of the expenditures to be made. In relation to the Turbine Generator Procurement, please detail what is included in the scope of work, for example, non-refundable deposits, reservations for a manufacturing time slot, initial payments on supply contracts, fees related to cancellation clauses, etc.

**PUB-NLH-005** Why is Hydro not proposing to procure the GSU transformer for Bay d’Espoir Unit 8 at this time, as has been proposed for the Avalon Combustion Turbine?

**PUB-NLH-006** Schedule 1, page 9, states:

“...the contracting strategy for BDE Unit 8 Early Execution will include mechanisms, where appropriate, to enable Hydro to limit or cancel the services or procurement in the event Board approval is not provided on the 2025 Build Application”.

- a) Please describe the mechanisms available to limit or cancel the services for the procurement of the GSU transformer.
- b) Has Hydro determined whether it will issue RFP package(s) for the Bay d’Espoir Unit 8 with cancellation clauses?

**PUB-NLH-007** In relation to the Bay d’Espoir Unit 8, please advise what decisions, if any, made during the Early Execution Capital Work may bind Hydro and limit other available options during the 2025 Build Application, for example entering a detailed procurement contract early in the build process. Please describe the potential impacts of these decisions.

**PUB-NLH-008** Application, Paragraph 8. In relation to Bay d’Espoir Unit 8:

- (a) Describe the role of the original equipment manufacturer (“OEM”).
- (b) Has the OEM been identified and if so, who is the OEM?
- (c) Will the OEM be allowed to bid on any part of the 2025 Build Application?
- (d) Has Hydro engaged or plan to engage any other consulting resources in addition to the OEM and EPCM to support the Early Execution Capital Work?

#### **General**

**PUB-NLH-009** Please advise of the reporting framework that Hydro will use for the Early Execution Capital Work to keep the Board updated of progress while the 2025 Build Application is being reviewed?

**DATED** at St. John’s, Newfoundland this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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Jo-Anne Galarneau

Executive Director and Board Secretary