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## **Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro**

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Dear Madam:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2025 Capital Budget Supplemental Application - Application for the Purchase and Installation of Bay d'Espoir Unit 8 and Avalon Combustion Turbine - Confidential Information Inquiry

On April 11, 2025 the Board advised Hydro that it had concerns with the extent of confidential information filed in its application for approval of capital expenditures for the purchase and installation of Bay d'Espoir Unit 8 and the Avalon Combustion Turbine. On May 9, 2025 Hydro filed an update to the application in which it unredacted certain information in response to the Board's concerns. Hydro also provided justification for its remaining redactions, claiming that confidentially was required to protect commercially sensitive information and mitigate risk in the contractor bidding process.

The Board has previously acknowledged that some information in the application may be of a confidential nature but continues to have concerns with the extent of redactions included. The Board requests that Hydro conduct a further review of its redactions by addressing the following items:

- 1. Review and determine if any additional information can now be unredacted given the passage of time since submission of the application.
- 2. Review and determine if any of the redacted information in the application has been publicly disclosed in this or other proceedings. If so, such information should also be unredacted in the application.
- 3. Review the table (Attachment 1) to this correspondence and determine if any of the redactions in the sections identified can be released in full or in part. The Board has particular concerns with these redactions, especially in their entirety. Therefore, if redactions remain after review, Hydro should provide further justification to support the confidentiality claim.

The Board requires that a response be filed by Thursday, November 27, 2025. 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 or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

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