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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 March 21, 2025, the Board received Hydro's application for approval of capital expenditures for the purchase and installation of Unit 8 Bay d'Espoir and an Avalon Combustion Turbine. The Board's general policy is that all information filed with the Board should be available for all parties and the public to review to ensure that proceedings are open, transparent and accessible. The Board acknowledges that some information may be of a confidential nature and protects this information in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. In making the assessment as to what information is confidential the Board balances the need to protect confidential information with the objective of ensuring transparency.

In this instance, upon review of the application, the Board advises that it has concerns with the extent of the information that has been filed on a confidential basis. For most of this information, it is not readily apparent why it should be treated as confidential. For example, it is not clear why the planned project budget rate impact analysis and the project budget breakdown are filed on a confidential basis. In addition, while the Board would expect that portions of the basis of estimate and critical path schedule may be confidential, Hydro has claimed that both of these documents are confidential in their entirety. As a result, the Board requests that Hydro review its filing and revise its claim for confidentiality to limit the claim where possible. Hydro should specifically identify each piece of information which is filed on a confidential basis, the basis for the claim and why public disclosure would be detrimental. The Board requires this be filed by April 28, 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](mailto:jglynn@pub.nl.ca) or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,



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