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Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

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Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2025 Capital Budget Application as per Order No. P.U. 28(2024) - Notification of Change to Project Budget - Perform Level 2 Condition Assessment Stage 1 & 2 Cooling Water Sump Structure - To NLH - Requests for Information

Enclosed are Requests for Information PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-007 regarding the above-noted matter.

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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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** Order No. P.U. 28(2024) in
8 relation to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's
9 Capital Budget application; and
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11 **IN THE MATTER OF** Newfoundland and Labrador
12 Hydro's notification of change to project budget for
13 the Level 2 Condition Assessment of the Stage 1 & 2
14 Cooling Water Sump Structures at the Holyrood
15 Thermal Generating Station, filed June 3, 2025.

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PUB-NLH-001 to PUB-NLH-007

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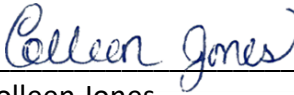
- 1 **PUB-NLH-001** Notification of Change to Project Budget, page 1, states, "Following project
2 approval, Hydro issued a public tender and hosted a site visit attended by
3 multiple interested vendors; however, only one bid was ultimately received."
4 Please confirm how many interested vendors attended the site visit and
5 explain if Hydro considered modifying and/or reissuing the public tender
6 following receipt of only one bid.
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- 8 **PUB-NLH-002** In addition to foot traffic, what other traffic is required to access the
9 pumphouses?
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- 11 **PUB-NLH-003** Notification of Change to Project Budget, page 1, states, "Failure to complete
12 the condition assessment will impair Hydro's ability to determine an accurate
13 scope and estimate for refurbishment and may result in higher contract bids
14 to account for the associated risk of the unknown condition of the sumps."
15 Does Hydro have a Class 5 estimate of the refurbishment work? If yes, provide
16 a copy. If not, why not?
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- 18 **PUB-NLH-004** Notification of Change to Project Budget, page 2, states, "Hydro also
19 acknowledges the lessons learned during this procurement process and will
20 incorporate these insights into future project planning and vendor
21 engagement strategies." Please provide the lessons learned during this
22 procurement process and the insights gained by Hydro.
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- 24 **PUB-NLH-005** 2025 Capital Budget Application, Project 8.
25 (a) Please update the project budget provided in Table 2 on page 8.
26 (b) Provide in table format, the original budget and the revised cost for each
27 of the following four items identified in the scope of work on page 7.
28 i. Procurement of stop logs;
29 ii. Dewatering and cleaning of the sumps;
30 iii. Erection of access scaffold; and
31 iv. Level 2 Condition Assessment of the reinforced concrete support
32 beams.
33 (c) What is the basis for each of the revised cost estimates exceeding the
34 budget estimates by such a significant amount?
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- 36 **PUB-NLH-006** 2025 Capital Budget Application, Project 8, Appendix A, page 6 of 11, states,
37 "...Hatch recommends that the beams and slabs be refurbished to their
38 original condition or that new beams be installed directly beneath the existing
39 beams to re-establish the original capacity." Given the increase in the Level 2
40 assessment budget, has Hydro given any consideration to eliminating the
41 additional assessment and proceeding with Hatch's original recommendation
42 to repair or refurbish the beams?

1 **PUB-NLH-007** 2025 Capital Budget Application, Project 8, Appendix A, page 6 of 11, states,
2 "If refurbishments are not able to be completed at this time, regular
3 inspections (annually at minimum) should be performed to ensure that further
4 deterioration has not occurred. The results of these inspections shall be
5 reviewed by a competent structural engineer." Has Hydro performed regular
6 inspections as recommended by Hatch? If not, why not?

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 25th day of June 2025.

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