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Attention: Cheryl Blundon

**Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary** 

Re: Newfoundland Power Inc. – Application for EV Load Management Pilot Project

Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") filed its application for an Electric Vehicle ("EV") Load Management Pilot Project on June 2, 2023. As part of that application, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") filed a letter of support noting Hydro's belief that approval of the application is consistent with good utility practice and the Utilities obligation for reliable service which is consistent with least cost, is the most cost-effective approach to understanding how EV load can best be managed in our province, and will result in lower system costs for customers following greater adoption levels of EVs.

As Hydro noted in its letter of support, Hydro is forecasting a material growth in EV ownership in the province over the next ten years. Hydro submits that it is prudent to understand how this technology change will impact the electrical system in this jurisdiction and believes that the proposed pilot project will contribute to this. Understanding the potential for load shifting as well as consumer charging behaviors in Newfoundland and Labrador, is critical for Hydro's system planning and service of customers at the lowest possible cost before mass adoption of EVs occurs in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Hydro reiterates its support of Newfoundland Power's EV Load Management Pilot Project Application.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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