

April 2, 2026

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Prince Charles Building
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040
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Attention: Mike McNiven
Board Secretary

Re: *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Labrador-Island Link Update for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2026*

In 2019, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) committed to providing the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”) and its consultant with a status update reflecting specific requests by the Board and other pertinent information with respect to the integration of the Muskrat Falls Project assets to the Island Interconnected System.¹ The Board has since reduced the frequency of reporting to quarterly.²

Hydro has been providing a fulsome update regarding the Muskrat Falls Assets as an appendix to Hydro’s Quarterly Report on Asset Performance in Support of Resource Adequacy (“Rolling 12”) filed later in the same month as the Labrador-Island Link (“LIL”) updates. Consistent with past updates, further detail on performance within the first quarter of 2026 will be included within the Rolling 12 report for the twelve months ended March 31, 2026, to be filed April 30, 2026.

Hydro's update is as follows:

- LIL high-power testing was successfully completed on March 25 and 26, 2026. Hydro is completing final reviews of test results and is compiling documentation for submission to the Newfoundland and Labrador System Operator. Upon submission and acceptance, the LIL will be released for full operation up to 900 MW.
- During the first quarter of 2026, there were five trip events on the LIL:
 - On January 12 and 16, 2026, the LIL experienced Pole 2 trip events due to a direct current line fault. Pole 1 compensated for the loss of Pole 2 in each event. There were no customer impacts.
 - On January 12, 2026, the LIL experienced a Pole 1 trip event due to a converter differential at Soldiers Pond. Pole 2 compensated for the loss of Pole 1. There was no customer impact.

¹ “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Information Required for Monthly Reports,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, January 19, 2021.

² “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Frequency of Reporting by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and The Liberty Consulting Group,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, July 25, 2023.

- The LIL experienced a bipole trip event on February 13, 2026 due to an electrode line fault. This trip resulted in under frequency load shedding.
- An issue with the Maritime Link resulted in underfrequency conditions followed by overfrequency conditions on February 27, 2026. The LIL is equipped with overfrequency protection and the bipole tripped at its prescribed threshold to maintain the system frequency within acceptable limits.
- Hydro will provide further information on the February 13 and 27, 2026 events within the report requested by the Board to be filed on April 30, 2026.³
- Outside of planned outages, the Soldiers Pond Synchronous Condensers (“SC”) have been in continuous operation at all times since the last LIL update, with the exception of one event on SC2 on January 9, 2026 and one event on SC3 on January 16, 2026. The SCs were returned to service in less than eight hours, and there was no customer impact.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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³ “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Island Interconnected System Under Frequency Load Shedding Events - Board’s Request for a Detailed Report,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, March 26, 2026.