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Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
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Attention: Jo-Anne Galarneau
Executive Director and Board Secretary

Re: Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – 2023–2024 Winter Readiness Planning Report – Reply

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) filed its 2023–2024 Winter Readiness Planning Report with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”) on October 13, 2023; the report contained information regarding Unit 2 of the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station and its expected unavailability for the upcoming winter. On October 24, 2023, Hydro received correspondence from the Board expressing its concerns regarding the potential implications of the Unit 2 outage on reliability and resource adequacy. The Board directed Hydro to file as soon as possible, and no later than October 30, 2023, certain information regarding the reliability and resource adequacy implications and the actions Hydro is taking to ensure reliable service for the upcoming winter.

Hydro is currently preparing its Near-Term Reliability and Resource Adequacy Report for filing on November 15, 2023. This report will contain the information requested by the Board, including detailed information regarding forced outage rates, the load forecast and various asset availability scenarios, as well as the anticipated system reliability in each scenario, including the Unit 2 outage. Hydro is working diligently to complete this work; however, as the analysis is ongoing, Hydro is unable to complete the work and compile the information into a fulsome report answering the questions posed by the Board any sooner than the currently scheduled report. Hydro understands the Board’s concerns and the necessity of providing fulsome information, and will do so as part of the Near-Term Reliability and Resource Adequacy Report filing.

Hydro can advise that it will be shortly filing an application for approval of the terms of a capacity assistance agreement between Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited and Hydro which will, if approved, be in place for the upcoming winter. Hydro is, of course, also continuing its winter readiness work, including the necessary work to bring Unit 2 back in service. Updates with respect to this work will be provided in Hydro’s update to its 2023–2024 Winter Readiness Planning Report, scheduled to be filed on November 10, 2023.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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