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Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2023-2024 Winter Readiness Planning Report

According to the 2023-2024 Winter Readiness Planning Report filed on October 13, 2023 Holyrood Unit 2 is expected to be unavailable for this coming winter with a currently scheduled return to service not planned until mid-March, 2024. The potential implications for reliability and resource adequacy of the unavailability of this unit are significant. In order for the Board and parties to fully understand and appreciate the level of preparedness for this coming winter and the potential reliability and resource adequacy considerations, it is essential that Hydro provide further information.

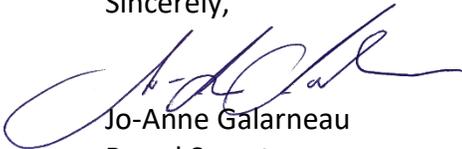
The Board notes that information on near-term reliability and resource adequacy for the upcoming winter period was not included in the 2023-2024 Winter Readiness Planning Report in accordance with the Board's August 17, 2023 acceptance of Hydro's proposal to include this information in near-term reliability reports. The next near-term reliability report which would include this information is expected to be filed in mid-November. Despite this, given the potential implications of the unavailability of Holyrood Unit 2, the Board believes that it is essential that Hydro provide information on near-term reliability and resource adequacy for this winter as soon as possible. The Board directs that Hydro file as soon as possible and no later than October 30, 2023:

- (1) information on the implications of the unavailability of Holyrood Unit 2 for near-term reliability and resource adequacy for the upcoming 2023-2024 winter, including the assumptions on forced outage rates for various assets, the load forecast and various scenarios illustrating the implications of various levels of unavailability of assets and the anticipated system reliability in each scenario, and

- (2) additional actions and/or measures Hydro it is taking for this upcoming winter due to unavailability of Holyrood Unit 2.

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 telephone (709) 726-3781.

Sincerely,



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