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Dear Ms. Walsh:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2023-2024 Winter Readiness Planning Report dated November 10, 2023 and Near-Term Reliability Report dated November 15, 2023 - Request for Additional Information

This is further to the meeting held on December 14, 2023 in relation to the planning for and reliability of the Island Interconnected system for this 2023-2024 winter. The Board expressed concerns in relation to reliability and resource adequacy for this winter in its letter of November 28, 2023. Newfoundland Power, the Island Industrial Customer Group and the Consumer Advocate also expressed concerns in their comments received during the first week of December. These concerns are heightened by the recent information that a second unit at Holyrood is out of service with Unit 1 being removed from service for repairs with a scheduled return to service date of two to three weeks. The meeting on December 14th, scheduled by the Board, was held to discuss these concerns and to address contingency planning by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) and Newfoundland Power for a worst-case scenario of a loss of significant generation this winter.

The Board notes that both Hydro and Newfoundland Power have taken and continue to take action to ensure planning is in place to address a potential loss of supply. The Board was advised that Hydro and Newfoundland Power are working to finalize the advance customer notification protocol in light of the changed supply on the Island Interconnected system with the commissioning of the Labrador Island Link. Given the current status of Hydro's generating assets and the commencement of winter, it is critical that this be finalized as soon as possible.

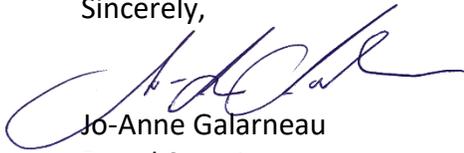
The Board requires that Hydro file the following information by December 21, 2023:

1. An up-to-date schedule for the return to service of Unit 1 at Holyrood;
2. Hydro's most recent Operating Reserves procedure; and
3. The Customer Advance Notification Protocol.

In addition, Hydro should advise the Board immediately of any change in the return to service date for Holyrood Units 1 and 2 and the Stephenville gas turbine and the removal from service for repair of any generating source.

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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