



April 16, 2015

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon
Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 12040
St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland Power Inc. – 2016 Deferred Cost Recovery Application – Schedule

On April 15, 2015, Newfoundland Power Inc. filed the above captioned application. A day later the board wrote the Consumer Advocate and Hydro advising of a very compressed time schedule which only allows until April 22, 2015 for RFIs and less than a week for comments after replies are filed.

This schedule is not reasonable and does not permit of a reasonable opportunity for the Consumer Advocate to review and consult relevant expertise in relation to the same.

Newfoundland Power Inc. is presently enjoying an 8.80% return on equity while its sister utility – Fortis Alberta (with its thinner equity component) is presently allowed a ROE target of 8.30% by order of March, 2015 (see reply to PUB-NLH-386 in Hydro's GRA).

Newfoundland Power Inc.'s application requires review of a nature greater than that is permitted in the schedule.

The Consumer Advocate requests that the Board's counsel arrange a discussion amongst the application's participants so that a reasonable schedule can be arrived at.

Yours very truly,

O'DEA, EARLE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Johnson', is written over the printed name.

THOMAS JOHNSON, Q.C.
TJ/cel

cc: Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro
Attention: Geoffrey P. Young, Senior Legal Counsel

Newfoundland Power
Attention: Peter Alteen