

February 16, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Prince Charles Building
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040
St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon
Director Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: An Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) pursuant to Subsection 41(3) of the Act for the approval to construct a fourth distribution feeder at the Bottom Waters Terminal Station – Hydro's Reply

Following is Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's (Hydro) reply with regard to the above noted Application.

1.0 Application Background

On January 24, 2017, Hydro filed an Application for approval to construct a fourth distribution feeder at the Bottom Waters Terminal Station, which is necessary to ensure that Hydro can continue to provide safe and adequate and just and reasonable service to its customers.

2.0 Board Schedule

On January 27, 2017, the Board sent an email advising the parties that comments were due by February 10, 2017. On January 27, 2017, the Consumer Advocate filed three Requests for Information (RFIs). On January 31, 2017, the Board revised the schedule to allow for RFIs. On February 6, 2017, an additional three RFIs were received from Newfoundland Power. On February 10, 2017, Hydro filed the responses to all six RFIs. The revised Board schedule advised the parties that comments were due by February 13, 2017.

3.0 Hydro's Response

Hydro notes that the Parties did not file comments in relation to this application.

Therefore, Hydro submits that the capital works for which Hydro has sought approval in the present Application are necessary to ensure that Hydro can continue to provide service which is safe and adequate and just and reasonable as required by Section 37 of the *Public Utilities Act*. Hydro respectfully requests that the Board approve Hydro's application, as submitted.

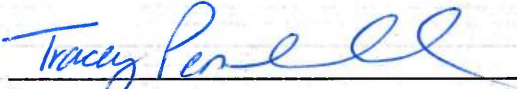
Ms. C. Blundon
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Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO



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