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Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Prince Charles Building
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Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: An Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of the replacement of the exciter controls for Units 1 and 2 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating 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 March 1, 2017, Hydro filed an Application for the approval to replace the exciter controls for Units 1 and 2 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station.

2.0 Board Schedule

On March 3, 2017, the Board sent an email advising the parties that comments were due by March 24, 2017. On March 8, 2017 the Board filed five Requests for Information (RFIs). Hydro filed the responses to all five RFIs on March 21, 2017.

3.0 Hydro's Response

There were no other comments received in relation to this application.

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
Public Utilities Board

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Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro



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