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Dear Sirs:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Approval to Defer the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Balances in the Isolated Systems Supply Cost Variance Deferral Account, the Energy Supply Cost Variance Deferral Account and the Holyrood Conversion Rate Deferral Account - Liberty Consulting Group Review

This is to advise that the Board has retained the Liberty Consulting Group ("Liberty") to review and provide an opinion on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") operational philosophy and practices regarding the operation of standby generation to meet forecast system requirements as set out in the above-noted application and the Responses to Requests for Information filed in this matter. This review will include an assessment of the costs incurred and the benefits obtained through the exercise of Hydro's practices in this regard over the period 2015 to 2017.

It is anticipated that Liberty's report will be available for all parties before the end of June and will be placed on the record of Hydro's 2017 General Rate application.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, e-mail, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or telephone (709) 726-6781.

Sincerely,

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