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Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2017 General Rate Application - Hearing Schedule



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Dear Sirs/Madams:

Paul Coxworthy

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Following the filing of the additional cost of service information on March 22, 2018 Board hearing counsel held discussions with the parties in relation to the schedule for this matter. Based on these discussions the following schedule is proposed for the remainder of this proceeding:

March 29, 2018 (Thursday)	Filing of RFIs on the additional information (as advised in the	
	Board's March 26, 2018 correspondence)	
April 3, 2018 (Tuesday)	Responses to the RFIs	
April 4, 2018 (Wednesday)	Notice of the hearing start to published	
April 5, 2018 (Thursday)	All preliminary motions to be filed	
	Counsel/Expert meeting related to the additional information	
April 10, 2018 (Tuesday)	Written submissions filed in relation to preliminary motions	
April 11, 2018 (Wednesday)	Replies to motions	
April 12, 2018 (Thursday)	Counsel meeting (if required)	
	Oral submissions on motions (if required)	
April 16, 2018 (Monday)	Hearing start date	
April 26, 2018 (Thursday)	Hearing adjourns	
July/August 2018	Hearing resumes until completed	

The Board notes that the adjournment of the hearing is necessary as the Consumer Advocate is not available after April 26, 2018 and the Board's Automobile Insurance Review is scheduled to be completed over the period mid-May to end of June 2018. The specific dates for the hearing to resume in July will be established shortly, in consultation with the parties.

Given this schedule, the decisions in relation to any preliminary motions that may be filed will not be issued prior to the start of the hearing. Therefore the evidence and questioning in April will be limited to issues which are not the subject of any motions received. In addition, in light of the Board's findings in Order No. P.U. 9(2018), the issues related to the Labrador Interconnected system will not be addressed in April. As a result it is possible that witnesses presented during April may need to be recalled later in the hearing to address outstanding issues.

Consistent with the Board's usual sitting schedule the hearing will proceed four days each week, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with a break from 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The hearing days will be as follows:

April 16, 2018 (Monday) April 17, 2018 (Tuesday) April 19, 2018 (Thursday) April 20, 2018 (Friday) April 23, 2018 (Monday) April 24, 2018 (Tuesday) April 25, 2018 (Wednesday) April 26, 2018 (Thursday)

The Board appreciates the cooperation that the parties have shown in the circumstances in relation to the scheduling of this matter. To provide some certainty and to allow the publishing of notice the Board requests that you advise in writing by 3 p.m. tomorrow whether you are able to work within the proposed schedule.

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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Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary

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