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Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
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Attention: Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary

Re: Long-Term Supply for Southern Labrador – Phase 1 – Update

On March 31, 2023,¹ Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) provided correspondence to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”) with respect to the outcome of the analysis by Midgard Consulting Inc. (“Midgard”) of Hydro’s long-term supply plan for southern Labrador.² In its correspondence, Hydro stated that it expected to file an update with the Board before the end of April 2023, detailing any revisions in cost, schedule, or scope resulting from consideration of Midgard’s recommendations and the passage of time since the original application in 2021.

At this time, Hydro can advise that Hydro will proceed with filing an amended application addressing the recommendations made in the Midgard report; however, additional time is required for Hydro to engage its stakeholders to ensure that all parties are informed of Hydro’s intended filing. Hydro will file the amended application, along with updated information regarding cost and schedule, with the Board in May.

Hydro remains committed to ensuring safe and reliable supply to its customers in Charlottetown and Pinsent’s Arm, and recognizes the need to obtain approval and begin the implementation of a long-term supply solution for the community as urgently as possible. Hydro continues to monitor the performance and reliability of its mobile diesel gensets to ensure it has sufficient redundancy and operational support to enable reliable service.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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Shirley A. Walsh
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¹ “Long-Term Supply for Southern Labrador – Phase 1 – Midgard Consulting Inc. Report,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, March 31, 2023.

² “Long-Term Supply for Southern Labrador – Phase 1,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, July 16, 2021.

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