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Dear Ms. Walsh:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2021 Capital Budget Supplemental Application
Approval of the Construction of Phase 1 of Hydro's Long-term Supply Plan for Southern
Labrador – Status Update Regarding the Suspension of the Review Schedule - To NLH -
Questions**


The Board is in receipt of Hydro's *Long-Term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador – Phase 1 – Status Update Regarding the Suspension of the Review Schedule*, dated December 13, 2021 in which Hydro confirms the town of Charlottetown will remain reliant on the existing mobile generation until a long-term solution for supply in southern Labrador is implemented. Hydro noted that it undertook capital work in 2019 and 2020 to ensure that the mobile generation implemented as a temporary, interim solution is as safe and reliable as possible and a spare mobile generating unit has been stationed on site for ease of access should it become required. Hydro further noted in Attachment 1 that there remain numerous safety, reliability, environmental, and operating concerns associated with the use of the mobile generating units in Charlottetown.

- Please confirm the identified concerns in Attachment 1 associated with the use of the mobile generating units in Charlottetown have been consistent since Hydro implemented the solution following a fire in October 2019. If not, when were these concerns identified?
- Does Hydro anticipate any additional capital requests to address the concerns identified in Attachment 1? If yes when is the request expected to be filed and what concern(s) will be addressed?
- Please confirm Hydro's proposed Long-Term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador – Phase 1 does not include any work on the existing mobile generation in Charlottetown for the 2021-2022 winter season.
- Please confirm if Hydro's proposed Long-Term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador – Phase 1 is approved as submitted the mobile generation in Charlottetown will remain in place until commissioning of Phase 1 in September 2024.
- Please confirm that all reasonable measures have been taken to address the identified concerns.
- Please confirm that there are no other measures which Hydro believes should be taken at this time considering the delay associated with Hydro's request for a pause in the Application process and the resulting potential that this matter may not be concluded until mid to late 2022.

The Board requests that Hydro provide responses to these questions by Monday, January 10, 2022.

If you have any questions or require any clarification on the above please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,


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