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Dear Sirs/Madam:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2021 Capital Budget Supplemental Application Approval of the Construction of Hydro's Long-term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador - To Parties – Request for Submissions**

In its December 18, 2023 reply submission Hydro requested approval of the proposed project conditional on fulfillment of the duty to consult and receipt of environmental approval. In doing so, Hydro revised its original request for approval of the project without conditions. On January 12, 2024 and February 13, 2024, upon requests from the Board for clarification, Hydro provided additional information with respect to the request for conditional approval.

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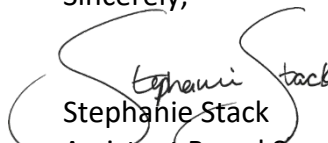
The Board advised that it would provide intervenors the opportunity to comment on the revised request. In addition to any comments the parties wish to submit, the Board asks the parties to specifically address the following:

- Please confirm if previously submitted comments are not impacted by the revised request and additional information filed. If previously submitted comments are impacted, please submit revised comments as needed.
- Should the Board grant conditional approval as proposed by Hydro to allow it to proceed with the proposed project?
- If the proposed conditional approval is granted, should the Board approve Hydro's request to recover all costs of the project from customers with the risk that the conditions may not be met or that changes to the project may subsequently be required?
- Should the Board should approve recovery of only certain costs, for example only pre-construction costs, estimated to be \$9.6 million?
- If the proposed conditional approval is granted, with or without full or partial cost recovery, should Hydro be required to provide updated project and cost information before it proceeds to the construction phase? If so, what additional reporting requirements should be required?
- Should the Board grant approval of only part of the project and recovery of the associated costs at this time so that Hydro would be required to file a subsequent application for the balance of the project? If so, what portion of the project should be approved at this time?
- Should the matter be adjourned to allow Hydro and NCC resolve the duty to consult issue? If so, for how long?

Submissions are to be filed by Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Hydro's response to these additional submissions is to be filed by Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, [jglynn@pub.nl.ca](mailto:jglynn@pub.nl.ca) or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

  
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