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Dear Mr. Foley:

**Re: Newfoundland Power Inc. - NP 2022-2023 General Rate Application
Depreciation Error**


The Board is in receipt of Newfoundland Power's letter of August 24, 2021 providing notice of an error in the 2022/2023 general rate application ("Application") filing related to the calculation of test year depreciation rates for the new Customer Information System and electric vehicle charging stations.

Newfoundland Power advised that correcting for this error will result in a decrease to proposed revenue requirements of approximately \$265,000 in 2022 and \$280,000 in 2023. Newfoundland Power noted that, while the resulting impact on revenue requirement, customer rates and sales forecast is small, the arising revisions to the Application and the responses to the 350 requests for information ("RFIs") already filed would be widespread. According to Newfoundland Power an amendment to the Application at this time will require 2-3 weeks. To avoid delay and ensure the Application can proceed in accordance with the established schedule Newfoundland Power proposes that the error be addressed in the compliance application to be filed following the Board's order on the Application.

The Board notes that the identified error relates to the calculation of test year depreciation rates for electric vehicle charging stations and the new Customer Information System, which are not expected to be in-service until 2021 and 2023 respectively. The Board's decision on the application for approval of the electric vehicle charging stations is pending. The Board's order approving the new Customer Information System (Order No. P.U. 12(2021)) is the subject of separate applications by the Consumer Advocate which are also pending – one to the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal and another to the Board for the granting of stay of the Board's decision. Considering the circumstances the Board is satisfied that the Application and the responses to RFIs do not have to be revised at this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


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Board Secretary

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