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Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro 2013 General Rate Application – Request from the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay, dated January 10, 2014

Please be advised that the Board received the attached correspondence from the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay on January 20, 2013 requesting to a delay in the General Rate Application until the independent review (*announced by Premier Dunderdale*) of the provincial electrical system is completed.

Mr. Ed Hearn who represents the Towns on the Labrador Interconnected System has advised by email that *"the views expressed by the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay in its letter of January 10th, 2014 represent the views of that Municipality. The other Towns on the Labrador Interconnected System make no representation with respect to the proposed PUB study into outages and other security issues with respect to the Island Interconnected System."*

The Board requests that any comments related to the request from the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay to defer the GRA should be submitted to the Board by 3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2014.

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 or telephone, (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,



Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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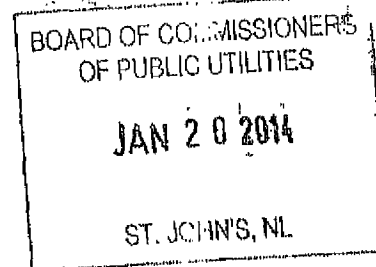


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January 10, 2014

Mr. Andy Wells, Chair and CEO
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Dear Mr. Wells,

With the recent announcement by Premier Dunderdale to conduct a review of the provincial electrical system, the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay is calling on the Public Utilities Board to defer Nalcor's application for a rate increase on the Labrador Interconnected System until the independent review is completed.

Our community has been negatively affected by electrical system failures, most recently on New Year's Day with temperatures dipping to below -40 degrees. The situation was unnerving for many residents. Due to the importance of the Labrador Interconnected System in this upcoming review, we feel strongly that there should not be any concurrent hearing processes until such time we have had the opportunity to examine the results of this initiative.

The health and safety of our residents is paramount and at the same time the general affordability of our town is an important consideration, so this is not the time to be considering a rate increase. The results of this review could affect how people will, or will not, intervene in the rate application process. We look forward to a positive response to our request for deferral.

Sincerely yours,

Jamie Snook
His Worship the Mayor

cc Hon. Kathy Dunderdale, Premier
Hon. Derrick Dalley, Minister of Natural Resources
Hon. Nick McGrath, Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs
Mr. Keith Russell, MHA Lake Melville