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Mr. Geoffrey Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

**Re: Island Interconnected System - Recent Supply Issues and Power Outages
Inquiry and Hearing**

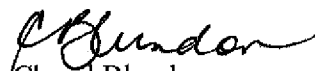
Pursuant to the provisions of the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N., 1990, c. P-47, the Board is satisfied that sufficient grounds exist to warrant an inquiry and hearing into the events and circumstances surrounding and leading up to the Island Interconnected system supply issues and power interruptions in late December of 2013 and early January of 2014. The issue of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ability to meet load requirements on the Island Interconnected system throughout the remainder of this winter and the next several winter seasons is a critical aspect of this process and will be addressed on a priority basis.

In making this determination the Board considered all available information, including the preliminary briefing report submitted by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on January 9, 2014, the submissions of the Consumer Advocate and other interested persons and ratepayers, as well as two complaints filed under section 84 of the *Public Utilities Act*.

The process and timelines for this matter will be established in the next several days.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqueline Glynn, by email, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or telephone, (709) 726-6781.

Yours truly,


Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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