

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Board to Hold an Inquiry and Hearing into Recent Supply Issues and Power Outages**

The Board has today advised Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro that, pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act*, it will hold an inquiry and hearing into the recent Island Interconnected system supply issues and power interruptions. The Board makes this determination in the course of the investigation undertaken immediately following the recent rotating power interruptions and extended unplanned outages on the Island Interconnected system. At a meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro provided information in relation to this matter, which can be viewed under the heading Island Interconnected System - January 2014 Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Board's website. ( <http://www.pub.nl.ca> )

The Board will establish the process and timelines for the inquiry and hearing in the next several days. This process will initially focus on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ability to meet load requirements on the Island Interconnected system throughout this winter and the next several winter seasons. While it is too soon for the Board to reach any conclusions or make recommendations it advises electricity consumers that continued conservation of energy is important.

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