

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Board announces a pre-hearing conference to open the hearing into supply issues and power outages on the Island Interconnected system**

The Board has today announced that it will hold a pre-hearing conference to open the hearing into the events and circumstances surrounding and leading up to the supply issues and power outages on the Island Interconnected system in late December 2013 and early January 2014. The pre-hearing conference will be held at **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2014** at the Board's hearing room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John's. The Notice of Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference is posted on the Board's website and will be published in papers across the Island beginning next week.

The Board continues to gather information from Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power and issued a first round of information requests today. It is expected that, over the coming weeks, additional information requests will be issued. All information, updates, reports, questions and responses are posted on the Board's website ([www.pub.nl.ca](http://www.pub.nl.ca)).

While the Board's investigation is initially focused on whether load requirements on the Island Interconnected system can be met in the near term the Board may also inquire into other issues such as asset readiness, maintenance practices, load forecasting, planning criteria and assumptions, equipment performance and reliability, emergency preparedness, system response, and restoration efforts.

Anyone can attend the pre-hearing conference and/or hearing and can make presentations or file written comments. Interested persons who want to file requests for information, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses can make application to the Board to become an Intervenor. Following the pre-hearing conference the Board will identify intervenors, establish the process and rules of procedure, set the schedule of dates and address other matters that may be raised.

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