

September 11, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Prince Charles Building
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St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador
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Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon
Director Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - the Board's Investigation and Hearing into
Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System**

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) is in receipt of email correspondence from Ms. Jacqui Glynn, Board Counsel, to parties, dated September 9, 2014, in which the Board advised that Newfoundland Power would be permitted to file Requests for Information (RFIs) and that "[a]ny party wishing to issue further RFIs must file the same by Wednesday, September 24, 2014." Ms. Glynn further notes that "the response date for the RFIs will be set for 3 weeks, October 15, 2014", and provides Hydro the opportunity to request an extension, which must be filed by September 26, 2014.

This letter is to advise the Board that Hydro currently anticipates it will be requesting an extension for the next round of RFIs. Hydro's final decision in this regard will be based on the number and nature of the RFIs in question. The specific requested date for any extension will be noted in a further letter to the Board, upon receipt and review of the RFIs to be filed by the parties on September 24, 2014.

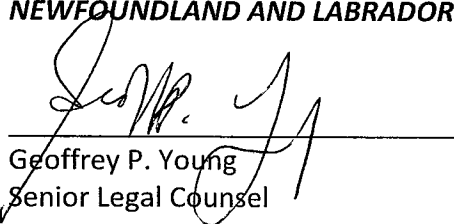
On September 3, 2014, the Board granted Hydro's request for extension to file the current round of 207 PUB/Liberty RFIs. Hydro had proposed (and the Board accepted) the revised filing dates of September 23, September 29 and October 10, 2014. Hydro is also in the process of responding to 231 RFIs on its 2015 Capital Budget Application (received after the current round of RFIs in this proceeding) and which are due on September 25, 2014. These two activities, combined with Hydro's ongoing reporting in this proceeding and its significant and critical activities for winter readiness, will consume the efforts of Hydro's relevant staff from now until at least October 10, 2014.

Hydro respects the Board's timelines and its requirement for timely resolution of this proceeding. However, the reasons for the extension request of August 28, 2014 remain in effect. Hydro is attempting to manage the current heavy workload of its staff. The due date of October 15 for the next round of RFIs will, in effect, provide Hydro staff with only five additional days to complete this work, as two of the three weeks noted above in Ms. Glynn's correspondence will be taken up with completing work on the current round of PUB/Liberty RFIs and the other above noted matters Hydro is undertaking.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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