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Q: Re: Review of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Power Supply Adequacy and Reliability Prior to and Post Muskrat Falls ("the Liberty Report #2")

Citation:

This report also presents the results of our assessment of the integration of the LIL and the Maritime Link into the IIS. As directed by the Board for the scope of the phase two investigation, we did not address detailed technical information or project engineering and construction issues, except as necessary to understand the reliability risks associated with the interconnection to the IIS. Neither were the design of the generating facility and the cost and schedule of the project reviewed, except as necessary to understand the power supply risks of delays.

Please provide the mandate and any other instructions issued to the Liberty Group concerning the scope of the phase two investigation.

A. Liberty was retained to complete a comprehensive review of the power supply disruptions and outages of 2013 and 2014 on the IIS, the current condition of the IIS, load forecasting, system planning and design, maintenance practices, contingency planning and response system restoration, adequacy of staffing and any other issues arising during the investigation as identified by the Board.

The Board, in Order No. P.U. 3(2014) identified the issues to be addressed and further clarified the scope of certain issues in the investigation in Order No. P.U. 15(2014), where it stated on page 4 that it would address the adequacy and reliability of the IIS following the interconnection with Muskrat Falls but the issues did not extend to the construction, legal, contractual and physical risks of the Muskrat Falls development.

Subsequent Board Orders relating to RFIs provided further clarification on the scope of the Phase Two investigation.

Liberty did not receive any instruction as to how to conduct its investigation and was guided by the directions of the Board as expressed in Board Orders on the scope of the investigation.