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Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Prince Charles Building
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Attention: Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary

Re: *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Combustion Turbines Feasibility Study – Filing Delay*

On May 25, 2023, in response to correspondence from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”),¹ Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) provided the Board with a list of all reports, studies, and analyses planned or currently underway to support future filings in relation to the *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review* (“*RRA Study Review*”).²

The Combustion Turbines Feasibility Study (“CT Study”) was referenced in Hydro’s correspondence. The purpose of the CT Study is to provide information relating to the selection, modelling, and project development processes of Hydro’s combustion turbines and was initially targeted for submission to the Board in August 2023.

Hydro engaged a third-party consultant to complete the CT Study and currently anticipates the final report from the consultant by the end of August 2023. Hydro will require time to review the consultant’s findings once received. As a result, Hydro plans to file the consultant’s final report, along with Hydro’s synopsis of the results, with the Board on or before September 29, 2023.

Hydro acknowledges the Board’s concerns regarding Hydro’s proposed overall schedule as well as the proposed dates for filing additional studies and applications to address long-term resource adequacy. Hydro assures the Board that Hydro understands the urgency and time sensitivity of completing the analysis and providing that analysis to the Board and parties in a timely manner. Hydro is taking all reasonable measures to ensure the work is done as expeditiously as possible while also ensuring the work is complete and provides all of the data needed to inform decisions regarding reliability and resource adequacy. Hydro believes that it is important to provide the consultant with the time necessary to complete the CT Study and allow Hydro the opportunity to thoroughly review the findings. Hydro believes the timing of the final report will not materially impact the timelines for project deliverables and the regulatory process before the Board, as decisions regarding any further analysis needed can be made, and additional analysis can begin, in advance of the filing.

¹ “Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review - To Parties - Further Process,” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, May 5, 2023

² “*Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Listing of Planned Reports, Studies, and Analyses*,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, May 25, 2023, Table 1 and att. 1.

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We appreciate the Board's understanding in this matter.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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