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Dear Sirs/Madam:

**Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – To Parties - Update and Filing Schedule for Requests for Information**

This is further to the Board's letter of December 17, 2020 which deferred setting a schedule at that time for this review given the ongoing significant studies by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") and the continuing uncertainty on the in-service date for the Labrador-Island Link. A number of reports and studies have been filed since then including:

- (1) *Assessment of Labrador Island Transmission Link (LIL) Reliability in Consideration of Climatological Loads*, dated March 10, 2021 by Dr. A. Haldar (the "Haldar Report");
- (2) Various operational studies, filed March 31, 2021, including *LIL Operation at Low Circuit Leve, Underfrequency Load Shedding and Critical-Clearing Time Study*;
- (3) *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study 2021 Update*, dated May 17, 2021;

- (4) *Failure Investigation Report – L3501/2 Tower and Conductor Damage, Icing Event January 2021 in Labrador*, dated May 28, 2021;
- (5) *Failure Investigation Report – L3501/2 Pole Assembly Turnbuckle Failure, Failure Event February 2021 in Labrador*, dated May 28, 2021;
- (6) *Cold Eyes Review of Failure Investigation Report; L3501/2 Tower and Conductor Damage*, by Maskwa High Voltage Ltd. dated May 26, 2021;
- (7) Labrador-Island Link Monthly Updates by Hydro; and
- (8) Monitoring reports on the integration of the Muskrat Falls Project (“MFP”) to the Island Interconnected System by Liberty Consulting.

Technical Conference #3 was held on June 9, 2021 to discuss the current status and schedule of the MFP and the various reports that had been filed since Technical Conference #2 on November 30, 2020. The Board has determined that it is appropriate at this time to provide the opportunity for the parties to ask Requests for Information (“RFIs”) on the status of the MFP and the various reports that have been filed since the previous round of RFIs in the summer of 2020. RFIs are to be filed by August 20, 2021. Responses to the RFIs are to be filed by September 24, 2021.


Additional studies remain to be completed and filed by Hydro, including:

- (1) Follow up work recommended in the Haldar Report with an update on the status of the work by July 31, 2021;
- (2) Design review for the L’Anse au Diable electrode site in the third quarter of 2021;
- (3) Network Additions Policy incremental load requirements and system impact studies in the fourth quarter of 2021;
- (4) Assessment on the potential long-term viability of the Holyrood Generating Station in the first quarter of 2022; and
- (5) Reliability & Resource Adequacy Study Update in the summer of 2022 which will incorporate the results from previous studies and contain recommendations on any required upgrade work for the Labrador-Island Link and the need for any additional generation.

As the results of these additional studies and analyses will influence the consideration of the issues before the Board in this review, the Board will not set a full schedule at this time. In the interim the Board will continue to monitor the progress of the integration of the MFP with the Island interconnected system and the ongoing studies and analyses by Hydro.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board’s Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email [jglynn@pub.nl.ca](mailto:jglynn@pub.nl.ca) or telephone (709) 726-3781.

Sincerely,



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