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Dear Madams/Sir:

Re: Newfoundland Power Inc. - 2027 Capital Budget Application – Consumer Advocate's Request for Technical Conference

The Board is in receipt of the Consumer Advocate's letter of August 3, 2026, requesting a technical conference on Newfoundland Power's 2027 Capital Budget Application. The Board requests that the following issues be added to the list of items for the technical conference:

1. Power and Distribution Transformer Replacements:
 - (a) Newfoundland Power's plan to address the remaining useful life of transformers proposed for replacement;
 - (b) scope and thoroughness of Newfoundland Power's physical inspections and reporting for transformers; and
 - (c) whether alternatives, such as optimal load reallocation between transformers based on age, health, and capability, were considered, particularly in substations with multiple transformers and among neighbouring substations.
2. Distribution Reliability Initiative:
 - (a) how Newfoundland Power uses "average service life" and "expected service life" to determine when wooden support structures and overhead conductors should be replaced;
 - (b) forecast annual renewal rate needed to manage age-related risks for Newfoundland Power's wooden support structures and overhead conductors over the next ten years; and
 - (c) clarification on how the proposed 2027 Feeder Refurbishment and Modernization program is categorized (renewal vs reliability) and potential to complete the required work under a current program.

Newfoundland Power may provide comments on the proposed list of issues by Friday, August 7, 2026.

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 or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,



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