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Mr. Michael Ladha
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Dear Mr. Ladha:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2018 Capital Budget Supplemental Application – Approval of Capital Expenditures to Upgrade the Happy Valley-Goose Bay Distribution System – Labrador Interconnected Group – Requests for Information

This is further to your August 27, 2018 letter submitting that certain of the Labrador Interconnected Group's requests for information (RFI) are beyond the parameters and scope of the Application, would serve to complicate and unduly delay the proceeding and would not be relevant or helpful to the Board in making its determinations.

The Board notes that Hydro's letter is inconsistent with the usual RFI process whereby each RFI is answered individually. Where the requested information is not provided the response would normally set out a full explanation as to why. This approach ensures that reasons for the refusal of each RFI are clear and other parties can assess whether they wish to file a motion to compel the information.

In the interest of efficiency the Board has reviewed Hydro's correspondence to determine if the explanation provided fully addresses why each RFI was not answered. The Board does not believe that the letter adequately addresses the reasons why each RFI should not be answered.

The Board requires that Hydro file a response, including a full explanation, to these RFIs as soon as possible, and no later than 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 6, 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn at jglynn@pub.nl.ca or by telephone 709-726-6781.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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