

December 23, 2012

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Prince Charles Building
120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040
St. John's, NL
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ATTENTION: Ms. Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

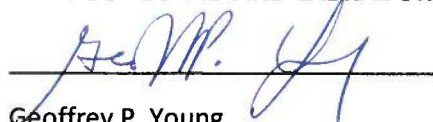
Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - 2013 Capital Budget Application

We understand that, due to the lateness of the evidentiary record being completed and the resulting lateness of the filing of parties' submissions, an Order flowing from the Application could be significantly delayed. We have been speaking to Board Counsel and to counsel for the Intervenor and have noted that there are a number of projects which have not been the subject of specific comments or challenges. In addition, four projects have been withdrawn by Hydro by letter dated December 18, 2012. Hydro believes that, consistent with its experience from past years, a substantial number of the remaining proposed capital projects are not contentious and will be approved in full without being amended or commented upon by the Board. Due to the importance of commencing work on these matters in as timely a manner as possible, or of having approved capital funds available to attend to requirements that could arise early in the New Year, Hydro respectfully requests that the Board give priority in its considerations to those projects which it deems appropriate to approve expeditiously and without further consideration or analysis.

We thank the Board and the parties for their cooperation in this matter and ask that you contact the undersigned should there be any questions or comments arising.

Yours truly,

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO



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