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The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador A1A 5B2

Attention: Ms. Cheryl Blundon

**Director Corporate Services & Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: An Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) pursuant to Subsection 41 (3) of the Act for the approval of the replacement of a generator main breaker at Hinds Lake.

Enclosed please find an original plus eight copies of Hydro's response to the Request for Information IC-NLH-1 with regard to the above-noted application:

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

Geoffrey P. Young

/Senior Legal Counsel

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cc: Gerard Hayes – Newfoundland Power

Paul Coxworthy – Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales

Thomas Johnson – Consumer Advocate Thomas O'Reilly, QC – Cox & Palmer

Q. At page 16 of the project description, it is stated that originally this project was considered a 2013 operating project, but that during an internal operating project's audit, it was identified that this project meets the guidelines for a capital project. Please explain what factors were originally considered to determine that this project was an operating project, and what differing factors were subsequently considered to identify the project as one needing the guidelines for a capital project.

A. There were no factors that properly identified this project as an operating project. The manager, who was new in his position, identified this as an operating project that required immediate attention. Steps were then taken to commence preparatory work for it as an operating project. The error in the classification of this project as an operating project, as opposed to a capital project, was detected prior to construction occurring. Once properly classified as capital, it was determined that this project should properly be the subject of a supplemental capital application to the Board.