

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

**Investigation and hearing into supply issues and
power outages on the Island Interconnected system**

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the “Board”) will hold a pre-hearing conference to open the hearing, pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N. 1990, c. P-47, into the events and circumstances surrounding and leading up to the supply issues and power outages on the Island Interconnected system in late December 2013 and early January 2014.

The Board continues to gather information from both Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power Inc. While the Board’s investigation is initially focused on whether load requirements on the Island Interconnected system can be met in the near term the Board may also inquire into other issues such as asset readiness, maintenance practices, load forecasting, planning criteria and assumptions, equipment performance and reliability, emergency preparedness, system response, and restoration efforts. All information related to this matter, including correspondence, presentations and reports, can be viewed on the Board’s website (www.pub.nl.ca) or by contacting the Board Secretary.

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, Newfoundland Power Inc., electricity customers in the province (domestic, commercial and industrial), the Consumer Advocate and those who have filed complaints with the Board will all have an important role to play as the Board moves forward in this process.

PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

The Board will hold a pre-hearing conference at **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2014** at the Board’s hearing room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John’s. This pre-hearing conference will provide an opportunity to all interested persons to become involved. In particular, the Board is seeking input on the issues and concerns that should be addressed by the Board in this proceeding. Following the pre-hearing conference the Board will identify intervenors, establish the process and rules of procedure, set a schedule of dates and address other matters that may be raised.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The pre-hearing conference is open to the public and anyone can attend. If you wish to make a presentation to the Board on the issues and concerns to be reviewed you should notify the Board Secretary by **3:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2014**. There will be a further opportunity for presentations to the Board during the hearing. Notice of the times and locations for these presentations will be published later.

If you wish to become an intervenor in the proceeding, which will allow you to file requests for information, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses at the hearing, you must apply to the Board by way of an intervenor's submission in accordance with Section 9 of the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996*. **Intervenor submissions must be filed with the Board by 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2014.**

The Board will accept written comments at any time throughout the proceeding. All written comments will be part of the public record.

HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD

All correspondence and requests for further information should be submitted to the Board Secretary as set out below.

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Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 17th day of January, 2014.

Cheryl Blundon
 Board Secretary