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Dear Sirs/Madams:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – Approvals Required to Execute Programming Identified in the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2021-2025 Application; and Newfoundland Power Inc. - 2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application – To Parties – Applications to Proceed as One Matter

Newfoundland Power's application *2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application* was filed with the Board on December 16, 2020. This application progressed through the Board's scheduled review process and the Board's decision was pending on June 16, 2021 when Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") filed an *Application for Approvals to Execute Programming Identified in the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2021-2025*. Both applications relate to the *Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2021-2025* ("Plan") which was developed jointly by both utilities.

On June 30, 2021 the Board wrote the parties to Newfoundland Power's application advising that, having reviewed the record and Hydro's application for approvals with respect to the Plan, the Board had determined that additional information was required with respect to Newfoundland Power's proposals. A schedule was set for the filing of further requests for information (RFIs).¹ Newfoundland Power responded to these RFIs on August 12, 2021. On June 30, 2021 the Board also set the schedule for the filing of RFIs on Hydro's application and responses were filed by Hydro on August 13, 2021.²

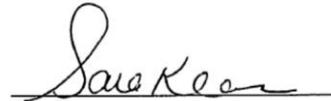
Following review of the record for both applications the Board has determined that the two applications should be joined and proceed as one matter. Both Newfoundland Power and Hydro are requesting Board approvals related to the joint electrification initiatives set out in the Plan. While there are some differences in the specific approvals requested by the utilities, both applications request approval of supplemental 2021 capital expenditures associated with EV charging stations to be installed by each of the utilities as part of the Plan as well as approval to defer other costs associated with the joint electrification initiatives, including the EV incentives set out in the Plan. In addition the applications request approval to use the same economic test for evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of the customer electrification programs. The Board believes that addressing the proposals together would be more efficient and allow for a consistent approach in terms of required regulatory approvals and oversight.

The following schedule is set for the filing of submissions:

| <u>Filing</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Submissions from parties | Monday, September 13, 2021 |
| Reply Submissions | Monday, September 20, 2021 |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary, by email, cblundon@pub.nl.ca or telephone 709-726-8600.

Sincerely,



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¹ Additional RFIs were filed by the Board (37) and the Consumer Advocate (29). Hydro also filed 3 RFIs.

² RFIs were filed by the Board (49), the Consumer Advocate (36), the Island Industrial Customers Group (36) and Newfoundland Power (8).