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PUB dismisses request for rehearing on EV Load Management Pilot Project

[St. John's, NL, October 11, 2023] – Today, the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities dismissed the Consumer Advocate's request for a rehearing of Newfoundland Power's Application to recover the costs of an Electric Vehicle Load Management Pilot Project.

Newfoundland Power proposed the Pilot Project to collect information on Electric Vehicle (EV) owners' charging behaviours as well as the effectiveness of various strategies for shifting electrical demand to off-peak periods and the costs and challenges of implementing these strategies. The Board approved the recovery of the costs of the Pilot Project in Order P.U. 23(2023) and stated:

“The Board believes the information to be gathered through the Pilot Project will be useful in the near term and will be informative as to load management strategies as EV uptake increases in this province in the coming years.”

After careful consideration of the comments from the Consumer Advocate and Newfoundland Power, the Board found that there is no basis for a rehearing or deferral because Order P.U. 23(2023):

- is consistent with other Board orders which stated that appropriate electrification initiatives combined with measures to reduce peak load are likely to lead to positive outcomes for customers in the long run,
- concludes that the Pilot Project will provide valuable information with respect to appropriate measures to manage EV load in the province,
- addresses concerns as to upward rate pressures as the Pilot Project would help to avoid exposing customers to risks of higher system costs, and
- addresses concerns of duplication with other studies already approved by the Board.

Full details on the application and board decisions can be found on the Board's website located here: ([EV Load Management Pilot Project](#)).

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