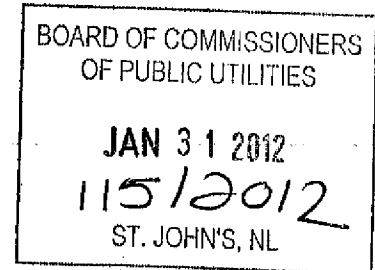


From: Cheryl Blundon
Sent: February 2, 2012 4:33 PM
to: NL Public Utilities Board; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Muskrat Falls Review - Public Comments - Has anybody considered Muskrat Falls and the transmission link separately?

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From: Cheryl Blundon
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Subject: RE: Muskrat Falls Review - Public Comments - Has anybody considered Muskrat Falls and the transmission link separately?



Mr. White:

The next phase in this review will begin on February 13th with presentations by both Nalcor and the Board's consultants, Manitoba Hydro International Ltd. (MHI). Following each presentation, the Consumer Advocate, will be given an opportunity to ask questions of both Nalcor and MHI. Interested persons/parties wishing to place a relevant question on the record may do so through the Consumer Advocate.

Persons who wish the Consumer Advocate to present a question to either Nalcor or MHI may present the question/s by contacting the Consumer Advocate, as detailed below, or in person at the presentations which will be held at the Board's Hearing Room at 120 Torbay Road, St. John's.

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As your email correspondence contains specific questions we have forwarded your inquiry to Mr. Johnson directly.

If you have any questions regarding the review process please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Cheryl Blundon

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January 31, 2012 11:15 AM
Subject: Has anybody considered Muskrat Falls and the transmission link separately?

Has anybody actually examined this situation by treating the Muskrat Falls generation project separate from the actual transmission link from an economic perspective?

Think of it, there may be other sources of electricity to feed into the North American grid and sell from the island in the future such as wind energy, if the link to NS is made.

In addition, substitutes such as natural gas from shale bed natural gas: 1.) involves fracking, which have environmentalists in an uproar (in Quebec wasn't there a moratorium on it); 2.) burning natural gas still produces carbon dioxide, which also have environmentalists in an uproar, and if there is ever a carbon emissions trading scheme it will have a cost.

Also consider the effects of the costs of inputs if both projects of the Lower Churchill would be built at the same time due to the bottleneck, something I have seen first hand living and working in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Sincerely

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