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VIA EMAIL

s. 40(1)

Attention:

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Dear

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Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (File #: PB/540/2019)

On July 15, 2019, Nalcor Energy received your request for access to the following records/information:

BDE peaking unit capacity 154 .4 MW - \$ 196.9 M -----Cat Arm peaking unit capacity 68.5 MW- \$132 M Total 222.9 MW -cost \$328 M -could be used to reduce the winter peak save Holyrood fuel - +less water spill

Adding peaking power to accommodate intermittent power from wind and small run-of-river hydro. When the intermittent power is generating, Bay d'Espoir and Cat Arm power can be scaled back and the saved energy stored in their large reservoirs. The peak capacity at Cat and the Bay can then be substituted when the intermittent energy is not on line

1/ Has Nalcor studied using wind & small hydro with the 222.9 MW peaking unit capacity to reduce the winter peak -to save Holyrood fuel &reduce summer water spills

2/ a/ re 1/, If so provide reports

b/ if not why not

3/ a/ Has the Holyrood thermal plant area been studied for wind potential?

b If so provide reports

Please note that the information responsive to your request is publically available on the Muskrat Falls Project Website, as noted in the response below.

(1) Studies of wind and hydroelectric generating options considered for the Island Interconnected System are publically available on the Muskrat Falls Project website, filed under Archived Reports:

<http://muskratfalls.nalcorenergy.com/newsroom/reports/#1525797180780-a68bbd40-7551>

The archive contains both internal analysis, results of external review, and independent third party analysis pertaining to the potential for integration of wind generation in the Island Interconnected System.

In 2018, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro filed its Reliability and Resource Adequacy study with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. As part of this study, the specifically mentioned plants at Bay d'Espoir and Cat Arm were considered, along with other potential generating sources, (e.g. large wind generation, distributed wind generation, other hydroelectric sources, other non-dispatchable generation sources, and thermal sources) should additional resources be required to meet customer and system requirements. In accordance with Hydro's mandate and legislation, any resource additions would be recommended on the basis of selecting the lowest-cost option consistent with reliable service.

(2)(a) All reports relating to this request are publically located on the Muskrat Falls Project website, as noted in the response to part (1) of your request.

(2)(b) Not applicable given the public availability of reports responsive to your request.

(3)(a),(b) Information on specific locations that have been contemplated or studied for potential wind generation installations are provided in the reports provided publically on the Muskrat Falls Project website, as noted in the response to part (1) of your request.

It is the goal to publish this letter following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where the letter has been mailed to you.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (*the Act*). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

2 Canada Drive

P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A

St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309

Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309

Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at (709) 733-5346 or by e-mail at granthiscock@nalcorenergy.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Grant Hiscock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "H".

Grant Hiscock
Access and Privacy Officer

Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52(1) or 53(1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45(2).