

MINUTES

Muskrat Falls Project Oversight Committee

MEETING NO. 99 – March 9, 2022

Committee Members Present	Regrets
Ms. Krista Quinlan, Clerk of the Executive Council	
	Mr. Dan Mackenzie, Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council
	Mr. John Cowan, Deputy Minister, Industry, Energy and Technology
	Mr. Craig Martin, Associate Deputy Minister, Industry, Energy and Technology
	Mr. Denis Mahoney, Deputy Minister, Justice and Public Safety
Ms. Michelle Jewer, Deputy Minister, Finance	
Mr. Corey Snook, Director, Industry, Energy and Technology	
Mr. Cory Grandy, Deputy Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure	
	Mr. Randy Pelletier, Solicitor, Justice and Public Safety
Ms. Lynn Zurel, Independent	
	Ms. Judy Morrow, Independent
Mr. Paul Snelgrove, Independent	
	Independent, Vacant

Committee Support:

Mr. Paul Carter, Executive Director, (Chair)

Ms. Tracey Pennell, Justice and Public Safety

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Via teleconference

1. Progress Update

Project update documents for the reporting periods ending December 2021 and January 2022 were available to the Committee.

2. NL Hydro Project Updates

NL Hydro officials presented project updates for the reporting period ending January 2022 and recent updates.

NL Hydro Officials Present:

Mr. Gerard Dunphy, Vice President and Project Director – Transmission

Mr. Gilbert Bennett, Vice President, Power Development

Ms. Rosanne Williams, Strategy and 3rd Party Coordination Manager

Ms. Tanya Power, Project Controls Manager

Project Update

Project update including discussion on safety performance, key monthly highlights including synchronous condensers update - SC2 and SC3 are in service and bearing replacement work is on SC1 is on schedule and expected to be completed by June 2022, LITL operations update – LITL operated throughout February 2022 transferring up to 320 MW at peak, a fire alarm was activated February 20, 2022 which caused a pole trip but was determined to be a false alarm, upon re-energization of pole 1 a procedural step was missed which caused a pole 1 trip, during power ramp down P&C software did not perform correctly and the line was subsequently de-energized until investigations can be completed, subsequently the Maritime Link runback tests were not completed which will be rescheduled when the LITL is back in service, full function bipole completion status update – GE is continuing to resolve and verify punch list resolution for the next version of software and require an additional five weeks moving release to site to early April 2022 with cascading impacts on dynamic commissioning and trial operations schedule milestones including possibly impacting Date Certain, risk remains high that further punch list fixes may be emerge during testing and that Date Certain may not be met, cost risks within and above the September 2021 project budget, LITL completions certificates status, MFGen status update – MF Plant has been released to Newfoundland and Labrador System Operator (NLSO), software updates and P&C hardware replacement work is now complete, Unit 2 runner inspection timing is to be schedule pending the receipt of the Andritz inspection plan, and Astaldi arbitration panel decision update, powerhouse estop update, GE amending agreement guarantees, project budget AFE update and project team ramp down projections and project issues and challenges.

3. Committee Business

The Committee discussed NL Hydro's project updates including Astaldi arbitration update, scheduling next meeting with the Independent Engineer and Natural Resources Canada and LITL P&C software risk.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 p.m.

Paul Carter

Executive Director, (Chair)

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