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Muskrat Falls Project Oversight Committee

MEETING NO. 92 – August 18, 2021

Committee Members Present	Regrets		
Ms. Krista Quinlan, Clerk of the Executive			
Council			
	Mr. John Cowan, Deputy Minister, Industry,		
	Energy and Technology		
	Mr. Craig Martin, Associate Deputy Minister,		
	Industry, Energy and Technology		
	Ms. Heather Jacobs, Deputy Minister, Justice		
	and Public Safety (A)		
Mr. Paul Smith, 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		
	Mr. Dave Billard, Independent		

Committee Support:

Mr. Paul Carter, Executive Director, (Chair)

Ms. Tracey Pennell, Solicitor, Justice and Public Safety

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Meeting held via teleconference

1. Progress Update

Paul Carter discussed project status for the reporting periods ending May and June 2021 and recent events including Nalcor monthly PUB reports, Liberty's twelfth quarterly report, status update on site visit and meetings held with the Independent Engineer (IE) and Natural Resources Canada during July 13-16, 2021, GE final bipole software challenges, new amending agreement with GE, project commissioning plans for November 2021, project financing agreement and commercial commissioning considerations, potential need to adjust Date Certain if commissioning is delayed due to further software delays, powerhouse unit 4 schedule, delivery of power to Emera with unit 3 coming in service, powerhouse emergency stop status and LITL overload protection testing discussion with Nalcor and the IE, and Committee wrap up as project reaches commissioning complete. Independent member Judy Morrow also provided a summary of the Soldiers Pond site tour that was held on July 8, 2021.

2. Nalcor Project Updates

Nalcor officials presented project updates for the reporting period ending June 2021 and recent updates.

Nalcor Officials Present:

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

Mr. Gilbert Bennett, Executive Vice President, Power Development

Ms. Tanya Power, Project Controls Manager

2.1 Power Supply (Transmission)

Project update including discussion on safety performance, key monthly highlights including completion of valve hall beam replacement, new amending agreement executed with GE effective July 27, 2021, final bipole software bug fixing impact on Factory Acceptance Tested (FAT) software schedule, final bipole software testing stages, synchronous condensers 2 and 3 online and supporting LITL when operating with unit 1 planned to be completed by October 2021, LITL operation update and Labrador ice storm repairs status, final bipole completion status and schedule, LITL summary schedule, commissioning plans for November 2021, key project risks including completion of dynamic commissioning with final bipole software, synchronous condensers completion, valve hall remediation risk being retired, project costs within and above the September 2021 budget, project team ramp down projections and reporting, and project issues and challenges.

2.2 Power Development (Generation)

Project update including discussion on safety performance, key monthly highlights including turbines and generators update including unit 3 - synchronized to grid on July 16, 2021, trial run completed on August 9, 2021, and anticipate to be released for service in mid-August 2021, unit 4 - static commissioning ongoing, due to delays on unit 3 release for service is now expected in October 2021, unit 1 - turned back over to the project with welding rework and head cover modifications ongoing, stator bar replacement planned for mid-August, unit 2 - currently operating, with unit 3 going into service delivery of Nova Scotia block of power will be commencing, all aspects of the project operating for first time, summary of key risks including Astaldi arbitration, further COVID-19 disruptions, and completion of MFGen units, project costs within and above the September 2021 budget, project team ramp down projections and project issues and challenges.

3. Committee Business

The Committee discussed Nalcor's project updates including Committee wrap up as commissioning is completed, commissioning stages and status transparency, and project schedule and risks.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 p.m.

Paul Carter)

Executive Director, (Chair)

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