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Mr. Brent Sellars  
Capital Projects/Environmental Assessment  
Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
Hydro Place, 500 Columbus Drive  
St. John's NL A1B 4K7

Dear Mr. Sellars:

**RE: Rare Plant and Rare Lichen Protection and Environmental Effects Monitoring  
Plan for the Bay d'Espoir to Western Avalon Transmission Line Project – TL 267**

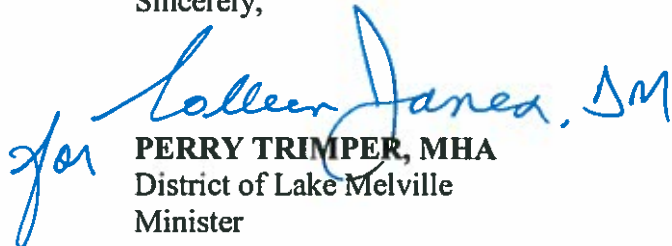
On June 17, 2016, the Bay d'Espoir to Western Avalon Transmission Line project was released from further environmental assessment subject to a number of conditions. One of those conditions required NL Hydro prior to construction, to submit and receive Ministerial approval for a Rare Plant and Rare Lichen Protection and Environmental Effects Monitoring Plan.

An interdepartmental review of the submitted plan was conducted in accordance with Section 69 of the *Environmental Protection Act*. It has been determined that the plan is acceptable and is therefore approved.

Please be aware that you must abide by all commitments made in the plan and that any significant changes will be subject to additional review and approval.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or Mr. Brent Keeping at (709) 729-4223 or by email at [bkeeping@gov.nl.ca](mailto:bkeeping@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

  
for **PERRY TRIMPER, MHA**  
District of Lake Melville  
Minister