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Reg. #2053

Mr. Chad Evans  
Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

**RE: Petit Forte Distribution Line**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2*. Please be advised that this undertaking is released from further assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You must maintain a 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer along all waterbodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.
- No vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200 metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, and Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2065.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department requires that you obtain for work in or near a body of water. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2295.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources advise that permits are required for forest clearing. Additionally, they also advise you to develop and implement appropriate preventative and mitigation measures to avoid incidental take of wildlife species. For further information, please contact Fisheries and Land Resources at (709) 637-2065.

The Department of Transportation and Works advise that a "Permit to Work in the Highway Right-of-Way" is required and any access approvals will have to be applied through Service NL for the Department to review and approve. For further information, please contact the Department of Transportation and Works at (709) 729-5493.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that you avoid certain activities, such as clearing, during the regional nesting period for migratory birds. The breeding season for most birds within the project area occurs between April 15th and August

15th in this region. For further information, please contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-2126.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that if you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. They advise that you are responsible for: understanding the impacts your project will likely have on fish and fish habitat; taking measures to avoid and mitigate impacts to fish and fish habitat; requesting an authorization from the federal Minister and abiding by the conditions of your authorization when it is not possible to avoid and mitigate project impacts on fish and fish habitat; and ensuring compliance with all statutory instruments, including federal, provincial, or municipal legislations/requirements. For further information, please contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada at (709) 772-4140.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



**DERRICK BRAGG, MHA**

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment  
District of Fogo Island-Cape Freels

Attachment

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District of Burin – Grand Bank