

Attachment B
Regulatory and Technical Advice from Government Departments/Divisions

EA #: EA 2422 - Belleoram Transmission Line (the Project)
Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (the Proponent)

During the environmental assessment of the Project, provincial and federal government departments and agencies offered the following advice on technical aspects as well as plans, permits, licences, approvals and/or other authorizations that are or may be required before your Project commences. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list, and you are responsible for consulting with federal and provincial government authorities regarding any additional authorizations that may be required by law.

1 Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change - Climate Change Branch

- 1.1 Proponent is advised to consider provincial climate change projections for Burgeo during planning.
- 1.2 Proponent is advised to operate all heavy-duty equipment in a manner that maximizes fuel efficiency, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. For further information, contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

2 Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change - Pollution Prevention Division

- 2.1 Proponent is advised that activities associated with the Project are subject to the **Environmental Protection Act**, the **Water Resources Act** and their associated regulations.
- 2.2 Proponent is advised that all waste material generated on site during construction and operation shall be collected in appropriate refuse containers and removed to a waste disposal facility that is approved to accept the specific type and quantity of waste.
- 2.3 Proponent is advised to refer to the following documents:
 - Treated Wood Waste Guidance Document.
 - Management of Excavated Soils, Concrete Rubble and Dredged Materials Guidance Document.
- 2.4 Proponent is advised that pesticide use is subject to the Pesticides Control Regulations. A Pesticide Applicator Licence is required for the application of pesticides. Where the slope of the terrain is less than or equal to 20 degrees, herbicide application is not permitted within 30 metres of a scheduled salmon river. Where the slope of the terrain is greater than 20 degrees, herbicide application is not permitted within 50 metres of a scheduled salmon river. For further information, contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782.

3 Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change - Water Resources Management Division

- 3.1 Proponents are advised to obtain a permit under Section 48 of the **Water Resources Act**, for any work in or within 15 metres of a body of water.
- 3.2 Proponent is advised to obtain a Water Use Licence under the **Water Resources Act** prior to the start of Project construction for the use of water from any source for any purpose.
- 3.3 Proponent is advised any effluent or runoff leaving the Project site shall comply with the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations. For further information, contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.

4 Department of Energy and Mines

- 4.1 Proponent is advised that quarry materials shall be obtained from approved sources.
- 4.2 Proponent is advised to reroute the transmission line in the section that overlaps an existing quarry permit 7116062 held by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. For further information, contact the Mines Branch of the Department of Energy and Mines at (709) 729-5748.

5 Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands

- 5.1 Proponent is advised to operate in accordance with the **Lands Act**, **Wild Life Act**, **Migratory Birds Convention Act**, **Forestry Act** and their associated regulations. and associated regulations.
- 5.2 Proponent is advised that a Cutting Permit is required before timber harvesting, and that an Operating Permit and a Permit to Burn are required during the forest fire season.
- 5.3 Proponent is advised that vegetation clearing is to be avoided near raptor nests:
 - 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest between March 15 and July 31; 200 metres during the remainder of the year.
 - 800 meters of a short-eared owl (ground) nest between May 15 to August 15.
 - 200 meters of any other raptor nests between March 15 and July 31.
- 5.4 Proponent is advised to maintain a five-metre buffer around all geodetic survey monuments within the Project area. The GIS and Mapping Division of the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands shall be contacted via email at GMD@gov.nl.ca if Project activities have the potential to disturb an existing Control Survey Marker per Section 65 of the **Lands Act**. For further information, contact the Department of Forestry, Agriculture and Lands at (709) 637-2950.

6 Department of Government Services - Government Service Centre

- 6.1 Proponent is advised to develop a contingency plan specific to the proposed undertaking to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. Any spill or

leak of gasoline or associated product is to be reported immediately to the Government Service Centre by calling the Environmental Emergencies Telephone Line at (709) 772-2083 or 1-800-563-9089

- 6.2 Proponent is advised to submit electrical plans to the Government Service Centre for review and approval prior to commencing any work and that electrical work shall be performed by a registered electrical contractor or an individual with a valid electrical certificate.
- 6.3 Proponent is advised that in accordance with the **Urban and Rural Planning Act**, a Development Permit is required from the Department of Government Services for the construction of an access road in a Protected Area or Protected Road Zone and an Access to Provincial Roads Permit for any access onto a Provincially maintained roadway or Protected Road. For further information, contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 637-2369.

7 Department of Government Services - Occupational Health and Safety

- 7.1 Proponent is advised to ensure that activities are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and related regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that should contractors be hired to perform work, they also comply with the legislation. For further information, contact the Occupational Health and Safety Division at (709) 729-7454.

8 Department of Municipal and Community Affairs

- 8.1 The Project is subject to the Town of Belleoram Municipal Plan and Development Regulations. Proponent is advised to obtain Development Approval and Permit from the Town prior to commencing development. For further information, contact the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs at (709) 729-3090.

9 Department of Transportation and Infrastructure

- 9.1 Proponent is advised to comply with the **Works, Services and Transportation Act**, Building Near Highways Regulations, the Highway Access Policy, and the Department's Traffic Control Manual.
- 9.2 Proponent is advised that an Access Permit is required for any temporary or permanent access to a provincial road.
- 9.3 Proponent is advised that no development is permitted within the Department's right-of-way.
- 9.4 Proponent is advised that traffic shall be maintained during construction, with appropriate traffic control measures and signage in place; and that a minimum roadway clearance of 5.5 metres shall be maintained. For further information, contact the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure at (709) 729-5972.

10 Environment and Climate Change Canada

- 10.1 Proponent is advised on the applicability of the **Canadian Environmental Protection Act, Fisheries Act, Migratory Birds Convention Act**, and **Species**

at Risk Act (SARA). Proponent is responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable federal legislation.

- 10.2 Proponent is advised that species at risk may be present in the project area and shall ensure that no individual is harmed and that residences are not disturbed, in accordance with the **SARA**. Any sightings of species at risk should be reported to Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre.
- 10.3 Proponent is advised to avoiding vegetation clearing during the migratory bird nesting period, protecting active nests and nesting habitat, minimizing disturbance near wetlands and other important bird habitats.
- 10.4 Proponent is advised to maintain a minimum 30 metre vegetated buffer around wetlands and waterbodies, and ensure runoff is directed away from wetlands to protect habitat and hydrological functions.
- 10.5 Environment and Climate Change Canada – Canadian Wildlife Service recommends the Proponent develop and implement the following plans:
 - A Contingency Plan that considers potential accidents, malfunctions, and site-specific conditions.
 - An Oil Spill Prevention Plan.
 - A Wildlife Emergency Response Plan.
 - A management plan that includes appropriate preventive measures to minimize the risk of impacts on migratory birds.

For further information, contact Environment and Climate Change Canada at (709) 772-4313.

11 Fisheries and Oceans Canada

- 11.1 Proponent is responsible for understanding the potential impacts of the project on fish and fish habitat, implementing measures to avoid and mitigate those impacts and obtaining authorization from the Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada where avoidance and mitigation are not possible.
- 11.2 Proponent is advised to refer to the Projects Near Water website for information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act** as well as information on the Project review process when conducting work in or near water. The 'Projects Near Water' website is located at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

12 Transport Canada

- 12.1 Proponent is advised that any works involving navigable waters may require approval under the **Canadian Navigable Waters Act**. For more information, please contact Transport Canada - Navigation Protection Program, at (506) 851-3113.