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The Honourable Justice Richard LeBlanc, Commissioner
Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project
Suite 502, Beothuck Building
20 Crosbie Place
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Dear Commissioner:

**Re: Application for Travel Reimbursement for Kathy Dunderdale
Phase 2 Testimony**

This is the application of Kathy Dunderdale seeking reimbursement for return airfare from Halifax, NS to St. John's, NL for her appearance as a witness for Phase 2 of the Public Hearings for the Muskrat Falls Inquiry.

By a decision dated April 6, 2018 in respect of the Application for Standing and Funding for Kathy Dunderdale, the Commissioner determined as follows:

I have reviewed her financial documents as well as her affidavit in support of her funding request. Based upon that and the fact that her involvement in this Project was in her capacity as an elected member of the House of Assembly, I will recommend that she receive funding for one legal counsel as well as expenses including travel expenses for her and her counsel to attend hearings outside of St. John's. ...

While Ms. Dunderdale resides primarily in St. John's, she travels to Nova Scotia at least twice per year to assist her son in caring for her young grandchildren. Her trips to Nova Scotia are typically two months or longer in duration.

Ms. Dunderdale had planned to be in Nova Scotia from late January 2019 to early April 2019. As a result of an interview being scheduled by Commission Co-Counsel for February 1, 2019, Ms. Dunderdale had to delay her travels to Nova Scotia. Recently, she has received a Notice of Appearance from Commission Co-Counsel advising that the Commission intends to call her to appear as a witness for Phase 2 during the period March 20, 2019 to March 22, 2019. Ms. Dunderdale has committed to her family to be in Nova Scotia to assist with childcare during this time.

Ms. Dunderdale wishes to cooperate fully with the Commission of Inquiry and will make herself available to appear as a witness as indicated on the Notice of Appearance. However, attending at the Public Hearings in March will cause Ms. Dunderdale to incur significant out of pocket expenses as she will have to fly from Halifax to St. John's for the Public Hearings and return to Halifax again following the conclusion of her testimony.

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We refer to the Application for Standing and Funding submitted to the Commission by Ms. Dunderdale and state that Ms. Dunderdale's personal financial circumstances have not changed since the filing of that Application.

Given Ms. Dunderdale's personal circumstances and the need for her to be out of the Province in March, we request that funding be granted to cover the cost of return airfare from Halifax, NS to St. John's, NL in order that Ms. Dunderdale may be able to appear and give evidence at Phase 2 of the Muskrat Falls Inquiry.

Sincerely,

Stewart McKelvey

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin E. Best". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin E. Best
Partner

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