



Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CO-COUNSEL

Justice Richard LeBlanc, Commissioner (“Commissioner”) of the Commission of Inquiry Respecting the Muskrat Falls Project (“Commission”) wishes to advise that Irene Muzychka, Q.C. has been appointed to replace Justice Katherine O’Brien as Commission co-counsel. Ms. Muzychka joins a team committed to respond to the Commission’s Terms of Reference, including Barry Learmonth, Q.C., who acts as Commission co-counsel.

Ms. Muzychka is an experienced litigator in our Province’s courts and has been a partner of the law firm, Curtis Dawe since 1994. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador and an LL.B. from the University of New Brunswick.

Ms. Muzychka will immediately join the Commission’s staff on a full time basis. Arrangements are in place for her transition into her new role and it is expected that she will be engaged in the Commission’s hearings in the near future.

As Ms. Muzychka’s law firm represents Newfoundland Power Inc., which had been granted special standing at the Commission’s hearings, she will not have any involvement in any matters that impacts or could impact the interests of Newfoundland Power Inc.

As is to be expected, Justice O’Brien’s appointment to the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador means that the Commission is losing a key and important member of its team. She has made an enormous contribution to this Commission of Inquiry since its inception and the Commission’s loss will certainly be the gain of our system of justice in this Province. The Commissioner, on behalf of all of the Commission staff, wishes to thank Justice O’Brien for her tireless work and effort in assisting this Commission to carry out its mandate up to now and I wish Justice O’Brien well in her judicial career.

The Commission is extremely appreciative and fortunate to have Ms. Muzychka become an integral member of the Commission’s legal team.

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