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Ordered that the following general course of action be approved, to attempt to resolve the Upper Churchill Power contract dispute:

(a) One final attempt be made by the Honourable the Premier to get Premier Bourassa to agree to meaningful bilateral negotiations and to have Hydro-Quebec formally respond to Newfoundland's position which was presented to them in mid-1985;

(b) Failing a favourable response within approximately 30 days, the Honourable the Premier to meet with the Honourable the Prime Minister, and request that he arrange a meeting with the two Premiers and, in effect, attempt to mediate the dispute;

(c) The Honourable the Prime Minister be informed that the Province of Newfoundland will require Federal financial assistance to implement any agreement reached with Quebec;

(d) the Honourable the Prime Minister be informed that if no deal with Quebec is possible by next spring, the Province of Newfoundland requires federal assistance to undertake the Muskrat Falls project on a high priority basis; and

(e) The Province, of Newfoundland be prepared to submit a financial proposal to the Honourable the Prime Minister for Muskrat Falls when and if these negotiations fail. ..

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Clerk of the Executive Council