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Robert/Charles:

Attached are the general Regis messages requested earlier this week for the information of cabinet ministers. They have been approved by Leona. Let me know if you have any concerns. If not, Maria can circulate to her counterparts.

Tracy

Department of Natural Resources
Régie de l'énergie Ruling
Key Messages
May 18, 2010

- We are disappointed and disagree with the Régie de l'énergie's ruling on complaints filed by Nalcor Energy against Hydro-Quebec Transénergie.
- We do not believe that Hydro-Quebec has applied its Open Access Transmission Tariff in a non-discriminatory and transparent manner
- We will assess and review the avenues for administrative review and appeal that exist for the province.
- The ruling demonstrates Quebec's inability to operate in the true spirit of open access and reciprocity. The ruling is consistent with Quebec's history of attempting to stop the development of the Lower Churchill.
- While this ruling is important, it only represents one component of the broader market access strategy related to the development of the Lower Churchill.
- The ruling does not change the province's pursuit of other market access alternatives, as well as continued work to advance the Lower Churchill project forward on multiple fronts.
- Anticipation of this type of ruling is why the province has been exploring two alternate routes to bring power from the Lower Churchill project to market. We have been exploring the link to the Island and onward to the Maritimes with the same level of importance. That work is continuing and the province's collaboration with potential customers is ongoing.
- Our focus will continue to be on getting the data in order to comfortably commit to a decision on the future of the Lower Churchill project. Every piece of information we gather brings us a step closer to making this project a reality.
- We will continue to move forward with our government's plans to develop the Lower Churchill. The development of the Lower Churchill project will benefit Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as the Canadian and North American electricity market.