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Subject : Re: Draft Email for Premier

Thanks. Good points. Do you have an answer to my question on July 16. If data not ready then, we may have to push debate out a couple of weeks.

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Couple of points;

1. Re FLG, should we add "even in the event the Maritime Link/Emera deal does not materialize.

2. Is there value in noted an injunction may result?

Ed

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See draft below. One question: does the schedule assume we can distribute material to MHAs on July 16? They need at least a week or so with the material before the debate starts.

Premier

Attached please find a schedule that has been prepared by Nalcor that outlines the schedule of work that will occur in advance of the debate in the House of Assembly. It is a challenging schedule and assumes that no major problems occur in the interim. There are two key decisions that need to be made:

1. Is an end of July debate in the HoA generally acceptable (of course subject to confirming the exact dates in your schedule)?
2. Are the information deliverables outlined on pp. 1-3 acceptable?

If these questions are resolved in the affirmative, there are two additional issues to consider when making the final decision to approve early works:

1. that the project will proceed even if the Maritime Link/Emera deal does not materialize (this has been the government's position all along, but it is helpful to reconfirm our resolve at this point in time);
2. that we are satisfied with the probability that the federal loan guarantee will proceed as promised (this is an issue because the guarantee is becoming fundamentally necessary to maintain the \$2B CPW difference).

If these latter two considerations are affirmed, then the ground is set for proceeding with early works. Nalcor advises that the first contract for road-clearing needs to be let on Monday in order to maintain the May 1 schedule. Appropriate communications materials are being prepared for review.

I believe it is appropriate to have a conference call with you around these matters on Friday or Saturday. Please advise if you are available and we will make arrangements.

RT

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