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I understand that you are considering a much broader scope for the UARB review of the Maritime Link project and a longer timeline

You'll recall that, at our meeting in St. John's, you agreed to provide the UARB with a narrow scope. This would see the UARB review only the Maritime Link and no other alternatives. You also agreed to ensure that the review would be completed by the end of December

I have been advised that you are now considering allowing the UARB to follow its normal regulatory process which gives it scope to review any alternative it wishes within the parameters of your Renewable Energy act and the pending federal coal regulations.

One of the reasons we held the meeting in St. Johns was to ensure that we are aligned on our respective approach to developing both Muskrat Falls and the Maritime Link. Your letters to Premier Charest caused me great concern as it gave the appearance that you don't fully support our project.

I'm lead to believe that the expanded scope for the UARB opens the door again to the import of power from Quebec. Not only is this unacceptable, the expanded process is inconsistent with the approach my government took in restricting the PUB regulatory review. This inconsistently will create a big headache for my government.

In order to advance this project on a schedule that would see first power in 2017; we must sanction in October – November this year. The federal government has linked our projects for the purpose of the Federal Loan Guarantee and the conclusion of the Terms Sheets for the Guarantee is required for project sanction.

A delay in the UARB process either through expanding the process or delaying its ability to report back on the Maritime Link application, means that we will be forced to shut down spending on the Project and delay the project for a year.

I recognize that you are headed into an election and have some other regulatory matters that require attention. However, it is not appropriate to push the entire risk for the Muskrat Falls project in our lap.

We must be aligned on our approach to Muskrat Falls and the Maritime Link and we need to speak with a united voice to the Government of Canada. This project is important to both our provinces.