

Date : 4/23/2014 3:03:33 PM
From : "Collingwood, Jennifer"
To : "Williams, Tina" , "Quinton, Diana" , "Brown, Milly" , "Boland, Tracey"
Cc : "Power, Glenda" , "Howard, Jacquelyn"
Subject : FW: Ball calls on Premier to clarify Muskrat Falls comments
Attachment : Ball calls on Premier to clarify Muskrat Falls comments_April 23, 2014.docx;

From: oppositionnewsreleas
Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2014 3:03 PM
To: Wiseman, Lauren
Subject: Ball calls on Premier to clarify Muskrat Falls comments

April 23, 2014
For Immediate Release

Ball calls on Premier to clarify Muskrat Falls comments

Opposition Leader Dwight Ball is calling on Premier Marshall to clarify his comments on escalating costs at Muskrat Falls.

"It was established last week that costs at Muskrat Falls are rising, and just one year into construction, the project is already experiencing overruns," said Ball. "The Premier is now saying that 'there is a number' where the project is no longer the least cost option. What is that number, and is the project close to hitting it?"

Ball noted that it's worrisome that project costs and schedules are already under pressure and is again calling on Government to be accountable and provide independent oversight on the multi-billion dollar project.

"There's already \$5 Billion in taxpayer money committed to this project, but Government has refused to allow the Public Utilities Board an ongoing oversight role," said Ball. "Ongoing oversight by these experts at the Public Utilities Board would help ensure that this project is being properly managed and taxpayer dollars are being properly spent over the next four years of construction."

Ball noted that the utilities board in Nova Scotia has an ongoing oversight role on the Maritime Link and the same oversight should be granted to our Public Utilities Board on the project in our province.

-30-

Media Contact: Lauren Wiseman | Communications Specialist | Office of the Official Opposition | 729-5306 | 631-8981 E copies
@ www.liberaloppositionnl.com



Office of the Official Opposition
NEWS RELEASE

April 23, 2014
For Immediate Release

Ball calls on Premier to clarify Muskrat Falls comments

Opposition Leader Dwight Ball is calling on Premier Marshall to clarify his comments on escalating costs at Muskrat Falls.

“It was established last week that costs at Muskrat Falls are rising, and just one year into construction, the project is already experiencing overruns,” said Ball. “The Premier is now saying that ‘there is a number’ where the project is no longer the least cost option. What is that number, and is the project close to hitting it?”

Ball noted that it’s worrisome that project costs and schedules are already under pressure and is again calling on Government to be accountable and provide independent oversight on the multi-billion dollar project.

“There’s already \$5 Billion in taxpayer money committed to this project, but Government has refused to allow the Public Utilities Board an ongoing oversight role,” said Ball. “Ongoing oversight by these experts at the Public Utilities Board would help ensure that this project is being properly managed and taxpayer dollars are being properly spent over the next four years of construction.”

Ball noted that the utilities board in Nova Scotia has an ongoing oversight role on the Maritime Link and the same oversight should be granted to our Public Utilities Board on the project in our province.

-30-

Media Contact: Lauren Wiseman | Communications Specialist | Office of the Official Opposition |
729-5306 | 631-8981 E copies @ www.liberaloppositionnl.com