

March 3, 2020



**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-32-2020)**

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On February 3, 2020, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following records/information:

**Any emails sent or received between November 15, 2019 and January 31, 2020 by any of the following people:**

**Siobhan Coady**

**Ted Lomond**

**Craig Martin**

**Corey Snook**

**That contain any of the following words/terms:**

- 1. Labrador Island Link**
- 2. LIL**
- 3. Soldier's Pond**
- 4. Synchronous Condensers**
- 5. Island Interconnected System**
- 6. Integrated Project Schedule**
- 7. FAT Complete; Interim Software to Site**
- 8. General Electric**
- 9. GE**

On February 12, 2020, you revised your search terms to omit any media monitoring emails, omit any cabinet related emails or attachments, to only provide records containing the 9 search terms that directly relate to the "synchronous condenser issues" at Soldier's Pond, to exclude any references to GE, General Electric, Labrador Island Link, LIL or Island Interconnected System that is not directly related to the "synchronous condenser issues", and to omit as non-responsive any attachments to emails that are not related to the "synchronous condenser issues".

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to some of the requested records. The responsive records are attached.

We note that much of the responsive information is available online (see links below). Therefore, in accordance with S.22(1)(a) of *ATIPPA, 2015*:

22. (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose a record or part of a record that is published and is available to the public whether without cost or for purchase.

The Liberty Consulting Group Eighth Quarterly Monitoring Report on the Integration of Power Supply Facilities to the Island Interconnected System – Further Update:

<http://www.pub.nl.ca/applications/IslandInterconnectedSystem/phasetwo/files/reports/From%20NLH%20-%20The%20Liberty%20Consulting%20Group%20Eighth%20Quarterly%20Monitoring%20Report%20-%20Further%20Update%20-%202020-01-31.PDF>

Monthly Energy Supply Report for the Island Interconnected System for October 2019 – Revision 2:

<http://www.pub.nf.ca/indexreports/From%20NLH%20-%202015-2019%20Energy%20Supply%20Monthly%20Report%20-%20October%202019%20-%20Revision%202%20-%202019-11-18.PDF>

Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System - Phase Two - The Liberty Consulting Group Eighth Quarterly Monitoring Report on the Integration of Power Supply Facilities to the Island Interconnected System - Further Information- Hydro's Comments:

<http://www.pub.nl.ca/applications/IslandInterconnectedSystem/phasetwo/files/reports/From%20NLH%20-%20Further%20Information%20and%20Continued%20Quarterly%20Monitoring%20Reports%20in%202020%20-%20NLH%20Reply%20-%202019-11-29.PDF>

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 38(2019):

<http://www.pub.nf.ca/orders/order2019/pu/PU38-2019.pdf>

Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System - Phase Two - The Liberty Consulting Group Eighth Quarterly Monitoring Report on the Integration of Power Supply Facilities to the Island Interconnected System - Further Information – Schedule Update:

<http://www.pub.nl.ca/applications/IslandInterconnectedSystem/phasetwo/files/reports/From%20NLH%20-%20Response%20to%20Liberty%20Item%202%20of%20the%20Boards%20November%202021,%202019%20letter%20-%20Labrador%20Island%20Link%20and%20Muskrat%20Falls%20Unit%201%20Schedule%20Update%20-%202019-12-20.PDF>

Reliability and Resource Adequacy – The Liberty Consulting Group Eighth Quarterly Monitoring Report on the Integration of Power Supply Facilities to the Island Interconnected System – Monthly Update:

<http://www.pub.nl.ca/applications/NLH2018ReliabilityAdequacy/reports/From%20NLH%20-%20The%20Liberty%20Consulting%20Group%20Eighth%20Quarterly%20Monitoring%20Report%20-%20Monthly%20Update%20-%202019-11-29.PDF>

We are providing access to the most information possible but have made full page redactions of six pages of records in accordance with Sections 34(1)(a)(i) and 35(1)(d)(f)(g) of *ATIPPA, 2015* as follows:

34. (1)(a)(i) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the conduct by the government of the province of relations between that government and the following or their agencies: the government of Canada or a province.

35. (1)(d) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in the premature disclosure of a proposal or project or in significant loss or gain to a third party;

35. (1)(f) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose positions, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the government of the province or a public body, or considerations which relate to those negotiations;

35. (1)(g) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information which could reasonably be expected to disclose information, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the financial or economic interest of the government of the province or a public body.

As set out in section 42 of the Act you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the department's decision to provide access to the requested information. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business

days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your request should identify your concerns with the department's response and why you are requesting a review.

The request for review may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P.O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, you may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after receiving the department's decision.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or [rhynes@gov.nl.ca](mailto:rhynes@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



Rod Hynes  
ATIPP Coordinator

**From:** [Snook, Corey](#)  
**To:** [Martin, Craig](#)  
**Cc:** [Bates, Robert](#)  
**Subject:** FW: FYI- PUB's request for information on control and protection software for the Labrador Island Link  
**Date:** Friday, November 22, 2019 11:38:42 AM

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Craig,

FYI – PUB asking for ITP reports on LIL software – not sure contracts with GE and the ITP will allow this to be shared with PUB...

-Corey

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**From:** Khan, Yousaf <YousafKhan@gov.nl.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 22, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** Bates, Robert <RobertBates@gov.nl.ca>  
**Cc:** Snook, Corey <coreysnook@gov.nl.ca>; Boland, Christine <christineboland@gov.nl.ca>  
**Subject:** FYI- PUB's request for information on control and protection software for the Labrador Island Link

The PUB asked NLH to provide further information on issues raised by Liberty in its Eighth Quarterly Monitoring Report on the Integration of Power Supply Facilities to the IIS. Following are some of the PUB's RFIs.

1. Independent third parties have been retained to monitor and report on performance by General Electric on the control and protection software for the Labrador Island Link (LIL) which has experienced significant problems and delays. To ensure a full understanding of the extent of the problems, the proposed remedial actions and the implications for the adequacy of supply and the reliability of the IIS, the Board requires that copies of the written reports provided to date by these third parties be immediately provided to the Board and its consultants. Future reports should be filed with the Board as they become available.
2. The delivery of interim bipole software has been further delayed from October to December

2019 with delivery of final software scheduled for delivery in June 2020. Please confirm by November 29, 2019 whether this is still the current schedule for delivery of the software. The Board also requires that Hydro immediately advise of any future changes to this schedule, the reason for the change and the implications of any delay for delivery of power and energy to the IIS over the LIL.

The PUB has decided to retain Liberty for continued quarterly monitoring reports in 2020.

Thanks

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