



# **Regulatory Transparency, Accountability and Credibility:**

## **Benefits of Transitioning to a Full-Time Board**

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# Transparency, Accountability and Credibility:

- Why do we hold Transparency, Accountability and Credibility, as desirable qualities of energy regulators?
- How do those qualities serve the public interest?



# New Brunswick Model

- Former structure – 2 full-time members and 8 part-time members
- Current structure – 5 full-time members and **no** part-time members



# Law Governing Current New Brunswick Model

- *New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board Act*
- 5 full-time members and **no** part-time members
- Transparent appointment process



# Enhancing Transparency, Accountability and Credibility

- Expertise
- Diminished chance of conflict of interest
- Efficiency



# Enhancing Transparency, Accountability and Credibility

- Arm's length from government
- Diversity of members

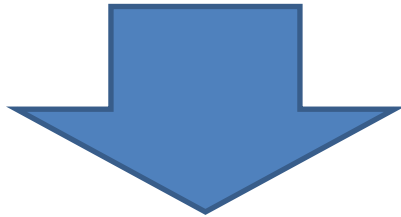


# Challenges

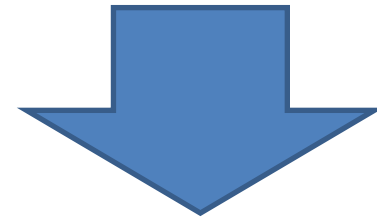
- Costs
- Transition issues

# Changes at NBEUB

Transparency + Accountability + Credibility



**Electronic Filing and Access**



**Full time Board**





# Electronic Filing and Access

- Electronic Filing of Regulatory Documents
- Web Access to **ALL** documentation



# Electronic Filing and Online Access to Records

- All regulatory documents are filed electronically
- All evidence is available online at the Board's website
- All hearings are transcribed and transcripts are available almost in real time (by midnight of hearing day)



# Electronic Filing and Online Access to Records

Electronic filing and online access contribute to:

- Transparency,
- Efficiency,
- Openness,
- Accessibility, and
- Accountability



# Rules of Procedure

- Transparency
- Procedural Fairness



# Conclusion

Transparency, Accountability and Credibility

Essential Goals to Good Regulation



# Regulatory Transparency, Accountability and Credibility

QUESTIONS?



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