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?