

P.U. 34 (2002-2003)

**AMENDMENT TO P.U. 27 (2002-2003)
PROCEDURAL ORDER**

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*
R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*");

AND IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate
Application (the "Application") by Newfoundland
Power Inc. filed pursuant to Order No. P. U. 22
(2002-2003)

BEFORE:

Robert Noseworthy
Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chairperson

John William Finn, Q.C.
Commissioner

AMENDED PROCEDURAL ORDER

WHEREAS Newfoundland Power Inc. (“NP”), pursuant to Order No. P.U. 22 (2002-2003) filed an application with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“the Board”) on October 11, 2002 for an Order or Orders of the Board approving, among other things, the proposed rates for the various customers of NP, to be effective May 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS Notice of the Application and Pre-hearing Conference was published in newspapers throughout Newfoundland and Labrador beginning on October 19, 2002 and the pre-hearing conference was held in the Board’s Hearing Room, 2nd Floor, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John’s; and

WHEREAS the Board issued Order No. P.U. 27 (2002-2003) which sets out a Schedule of Dates and the Order of Witnesses for the hearing of the Application; and

WHEREAS the parties to the within matter have all agreed that the Schedule of Dates set out in Order No. P.U. 27 (2002-2003), as well as the Order of Witnesses set out in Order No. P. U. 27 (2002-2003) should be revised; and

WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that the revisions to the Schedule of Dates and Order of Witnesses are necessary and appropriate.

THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:

1. The Schedule of Dates for the hearing of this Application is amended as set out in Appendix “A” – Item 2. – 1st Revision.
2. The Order of Witnesses for the hearing of this Application is amended as set out in Appendix “A” – Item 3. – 1st Revision.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 12th day of December 2002.

Robert Noseworthy,
Chair & Chief Executive Officer.

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.,
Vice-Chairperson.

John William Finn, Q.C.
Commissioner.

G. Cheryl Blundon,
Director of Corporate Services and
Board Secretary.

Appendix “A”-Item 2.

Schedule of Dates

The following dates are set:

November 2002

Nov. 27 Counsel Conference
Nov. 28 Motions Day

December 2002

Dec. 13 Requests for Information (“RFI’s”) submitted to NP by Board and Hydro
Dec. 18 RFI’s submitted to NP by CA
Dec. 18 Counsel Conference
Dec. 19 Motions Day

January 2003

Jan. 13 NP files Issues list
Jan. 13 Responses to RFI’s filed by NP
Jan. 21 Expert Reports and Pre-filed testimony filed by Intervenors and Board
Jan. 23 Intervenors file Issues list
Jan 23 Witness lists filed
Jan. 28 RFI’s on Intervenor & Board Expert Reports and Pre-filed testimony
Jan. 29 Counsel Conference
Jan. 30 Motions day

February 2003

Feb. 4 Intervenor & Board responses to RFI’s
Feb. 11 & 12 Negotiation Days/Technical Conference
Feb. 13 Last filing date before hearing commencement, all answers to outstanding questions to be filed
Feb. 18 Hearing to commence

Appendix “A” – Item 3.

Order of Witnesses

The following order of witnesses is established:

NP - Presentation of Application

NP - President & Chief Executive Officer	-	Philip Hughes
NP - Vice-President	-	Earl Ludlow
NP - Vice-President	-	Barry Perry

Other witnesses

NP - Forecasting	-	Ron Crane
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Other expert witnesses

NP - Regulatory Expert	-	John T. Browne
NP - Depreciation Expert	-	John F. Wiedmayer

Cost of Capital Witnesses

NP - Cost of Capital Expert Witness	-	Roger Morin
NP - Cost of Capital Expert Witness	-	Kathleen McShane
CA - Cost of Capital Expert Witness	-	Basil Kalymon

Cost of Service Witnesses

NP - Cost of Service Witness	-	Lorne Henderson
NP - Cost of Service Witness	-	Larry Brockman
CA - Cost of Service Witness	-	Doug Bowman

Other witnesses

BOARD - Financial Consultant	-	Bill Brushett
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