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**P. U. 26(2005)**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the  
*Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N. 1990,  
c. P-47, as amended (“the *Act*”)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
Newfoundland Power Inc. (“the Applicant”)  
for approval to proceed with the construction  
and purchase of certain improvements to its  
property pursuant to Section 41(3) of the *Act*.

**WHEREAS** the Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the  
Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility within the meaning of the Act, and is  
subject to the provisions of the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*; and

**WHEREAS** the Applicant’s computer systems and communications equipment are integral to  
the provision of timely and efficient service to customers, and a fluctuation or interruption in the  
power supply to this equipment can render the equipment inoperable by either disrupting  
operating software, corrupting data, or damaging the equipment; and

1   **WHEREAS** an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) eliminates fluctuations in the electric power  
2   supplying sensitive electronic equipment, and ensures a continuous supply of electricity to such  
3   equipment in the event of a power outage; and

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5   **WHEREAS** the UPS serving the Applicant's Kenmount Road office building has reached the  
6   end of its useful service life and must be replaced; and

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8   **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 43 (2004), the Board approved 2005 budgeted capital  
9   expenditures for the Applicant of \$1,016,000 in the General Property category, and total 2005  
10   budgeted capital expenditures of \$48,141,000, and the estimated expenditure of \$110,000  
11   associate with the replacement of the UPS will require a corresponding increase to the General  
12   Property category of the Applicant's approved 2005 capital budget; and

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14   **WHEREAS** the proposed expenditures are necessary for the Applicant to provide service and  
15   facilities which are reasonably safe and adequate and just and reasonable as required pursuant to  
16   section 37 of the Act.

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18   **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

19         Pursuant to Section 41(3) of the *Act*, the Board approves:

20   (a)   the capital expenditure in excess of \$50,000, as set forth in Schedule "B" to the  
21         Application; and

22   (b)   the revised 2005 capital budget as set forth in Schedule "C" to the Application.

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1 **DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2005.

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Robert Noseworthy,  
Chair and Chief Executive Officer.

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

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G. Cheryl Blundon,  
Board Secretary.