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8 **P. U. 13(2006)**

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

12 **AND**

13 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
14 Newfoundland Power Inc. (the “Applicant”)
15 for approval to proceed with the construction
16 and purchase of certain improvements to its
17 property pursuant to Section 41(3) of the *Act*,
18 amending its 2006 capital budget approved by
19 Order No. P. U. 30(2005) (the “Application”),
20 and supplemental Orders No. P. U. 33(2005)
21 and P.U. 34(2005).
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26 **WHEREAS** the Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the
27 Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is
28 also subject to the provisions of the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*; and
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30 **WHEREAS** Section 41 (3) of the *Act* requires that a public utility shall not proceed with the
31 construction, purchase or lease of improvements or additions to its property where the cost of the
32 construction or purchase is in excess of \$50,000 or the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in
33 a year of the lease without the prior approval of the Board; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Applicant's Grand Falls-Windsor area operations are housed in two separate
2 locations within the Town of Grand Falls-Windsor, customer service and technical staff operate
3 out of an office building at 16 Cromer Avenue (the "Cromer Avenue Building"), and line
4 personnel operate out of a service depot on the Trans-Canada Highway (the "TCH Facility"); and

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6 **WHEREAS** due to business and organizational changes, the Applicant's requirements for office
7 and building space have declined, and the space provided by the existing buildings in Grand
8 Falls-Windsor exceeds the Applicant's requirements; and

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10 **WHEREAS** the Applicant proposes to sell the Cromer Avenue Building and consolidate the
11 Applicant's Grand Falls-Windsor area operations in a single location at the TCH Facility; and

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13 **WHEREAS** the sale of the Cromer Avenue Building and consolidation of the Applicant's Grand
14 Falls-Windsor area operations in a single location is proposed as a cost-effective means of
15 eliminating office and building space that is excess to the Applicant's requirements; and

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17 **WHEREAS** the estimated capital expenditure required to modify the TCH Facility to
18 accommodate the Applicant's operations currently housed in the Cromer Avenue Building and to
19 ensure the ongoing safety and functionality of the TCH Facility is \$705,300; and

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1 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 30 (2005), the Board approved total 2006 capital expenditures of
2 \$49,258,000 with \$1,527,000 in the General Property budget category; and

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4 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 34 (2005) the Board approved an application for capital
5 expenditures of \$963,200 supplemental to the approved 2006 budget; and

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7 **WHEREAS** the proposed expenditures are necessary for the Applicant to ensure that the
8 facilities are reasonably safe and adequate and just and reasonable as required pursuant to s. 37
9 of the Act.

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11 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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13 1. Pursuant to Section 41(3) of the *Act*, the Board approves the supplemental 2006 capital
14 expenditures of \$705,300 to renovate the Grand Falls-Windsor Service Building.

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16 2. The Applicant shall pay the expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

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1 **DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 10th day of May 2006.

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