## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

## NO. P.U. 29(2016)

1 IN THE MATTER OF the *Electrical Power* 

2 *Control Act*, *1994*, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1

3 (the "EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL

4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*"), as amended,

- 5 and regulations thereunder; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by

8 Newfoundland Power Inc. for approval of a

9 Contribution in Aid of Construction for a line

10 extension to serve a seasonal residential

11 development in the cottage area known as

12 Ocean Pond, near Whitbourne, pursuant to

- 13 section 41 of the *Act*,
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16 WHEREAS Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") is a corporation duly 17 organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public 18 utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and

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WHEREAS on May 24, 2016 Newfoundland Power filed an application for approval of a
Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") for a single-phase line extension of approximately
3,895 metres (the "Extension") to serve building lots in a seasonal residential development
situated in a cottage area known as Ocean Pond, located near the Town of Whitbourne; and

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WHEREAS the developer, Edinburgh Group Limited, has requested that Newfoundland Power
 provide electrical service; and

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WHEREAS the CIAC has been calculated by multiplying the length of the Extension by the appropriate Cost per Metre provided for in the CIAC Policy: Distribution Line Extensions to Domestic Customers approved by Order No. P.U. 27(2005) (the "Policy") and, excluding any company investment from Newfoundland Power, is one hundred thirty six thousand seven hundred twenty five dollars (\$136,725.00), excluding HST; and

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WHEREAS Clause 10(i) of the Policy states that Newfoundland Power shall apply to the Board for approval of all CIACs where the sum of the CIAC calculated pursuant to Clause 5(a) or Clause 6(a) and the Basic and Additional Investment calculated pursuant to Clauses 3 and 4 is

37 greater than \$50,000; and

1 WHEREAS the calculation of the CIAC in the manner described above represents a deviation

- from the Policy and, pursuant to Clause 10(ii) of the Policy, Newfoundland Power is required to
  apply to the Board for any deviation from the Policy; and
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5 WHEREAS the proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure that Newfoundland Power's investment 6 in the Extension is compensatory over the useful life of the Extension and will not be to the 7 detriment of its other customers.

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## 10IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:11

- The Contribution in Aid of Construction of one hundred thirty six thousand seven hundred twenty five dollars (\$136,725.00), excluding HST, to apply to a seasonal residential development located in the cottage area known as Ocean Pond, near the Town of Whitbourne, is approved.
- A deviation from the Policy requirement respecting the calculation of the Contribution in
   Aid of Construction is approved.
- 20 3. Newfoundland Power shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

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Darlene Whalen, P.Eng. Vice-Chair

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James Oxford Commissioner

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