## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

## NO. P.U. 30(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

8 by Newfoundland Power Inc. for approval

9 of a Contribution in Aid of Construction for

10 three-phase service for Bell Aliant Regional

11 Communications LP, pursuant to section 41

12 of the Act.

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

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19 WHEREAS Bell Aliant Regional Communications LP (the "Customer") operates a 20 communications tower located off the Trans-Canada Highway, west of Birchy Lake, and has 21 requested that Newfoundland Power provide this facility with three-phase electrical service; and 22

WHEREAS on June 20, 2016 Newfoundland Power filed an application for approval of a Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") to construct a new 15.4 km three-phase line extension, acquire an existing 2.7 km single-phase line from Bell Aliant and upgrade the acquired line to three-phase standard (the "Extension") to provide service to the Customer's facility; and

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WHEREAS the CIAC, calculated in accordance with Clause 5(e) of CIAC Policy: Distribution
Line Extensions and Upgrades to General Service Customers, approved by Order P.U. 7(2005)
(the "Policy"), is five hundred seventy-four thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars and
twelve cents (\$574,179.12), excluding HST; and

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WHEREAS Clause 10(ii) of the Policy states that the Company shall apply to the Board for approval of all line extensions or upgrades involving CIACs where the cost of the line extension or upgrade is calculated pursuant to Clause 5(e); and 1 WHEREAS the proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure that Newfoundland Power's investment 2 in the Extension is compensatory over the useful life of the Extension and will not be to the 3 detriment of its other customers.

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## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

 The Contribution in Aid of Construction of five hundred seventy-four thousand one hundred seventy-nine dollars and twelve cents (\$574,179.12), excluding HST, to provide three-phase service to Bell Aliant Regional Communications LP is approved.

12 2. Newfoundland Power shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

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