NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 31(2016)

1	IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power
2	Control Act, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the
3	"EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990,
4	Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), as amended, and regulations
5	thereunder; and
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7	IN THE MATTER OF an application by
8	Newfoundland Power Inc. for approval of:
9	(1) a Contribution in Aid of Construction for a line
10	extension to serve Domestic Customers in the
11	cottage area known as Stagg Pond, near
12	Glovertown, pursuant to section 41
13	of the Act; and
14	(2) a deviation from the Contribution in Aid of
15	Construction applicable to Domestic Customers in
16	relation to the calculation of the participation percentage
17	as provided for in clause 6(a)(ii) of the policy.
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20	WHEREAS Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") is a corporation duly
21	organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public
22	utility within the meaning of the Act, and is also subject to the provisions of the EPCA; and
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24	WHEREAS on June 23, 2016 Newfoundland Power filed an application for approval of a
25	Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") for a single-phase line extension of approximately
26	8,102 metres (the "Extension") to serve Domestic Customers in a cottage area known as Stags
27	Pond, near Glovertown; and
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29	WHEREAS 17 potential customers of the area (the "Participating Customers") have requested
30	that Newfoundland Power provide electrical service; and
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32	WHEREAS the Participating Customers have requested the Non-Refundable CIAC Option
33	provided for in Clause 6 of the CIAC Policy: Distribution Line Extensions to Domestic
34	Customers approved by Order No. P.U. 27 (2005) (the "Policy"); and
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36	WHEREAS the Non-Refundable CIAC, calculated in accordance with Clause 6 of the Policy, is
37	nine thousand six hundred forty-six dollars and four cents (\$9,646.04), excluding HST; and

WHEREAS the sum of the Non-Refundable CIAC calculated pursuant to Clause 6 and the Basic Investment calculated pursuant to Clause 3 exceeds \$50,000, and therefore, in accordance with Clause 10(i) of the Policy Board approval is required; and

WHEREAS the Policy provides that the minimum participation percentage necessary to avail of the Non-Refundable CIAC Option is 50% and, to date, 17 out of the 36 customers, constituting a participation percentage of 47.2%, have provided Newfoundland Power with written confirmation that they will accept service and pay the approved CIAC; and

 WHEREAS a participation percentage of 50% would be achieved if one additional customer paid the minimum down payment and Newfoundland Power believes that at least one additional customer will pay the approved CIAC upon completion of construction of the Extension and provision of electricity service to the area; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Clause 10(ii) of the Policy Newfoundland Power is required to apply to the Board for any deviation from the Policy; and

WHEREAS Newfoundland Power, pursuant to section 41(5) of the *Act*, requests that the Board approve a Non-Refundable CIAC of nine thousand six hundred forty-six dollars and four cents (\$9,646.04), excluding HST, for each customer of the Cottage Area; and

WHEREAS Newfoundland Power, pursuant to Clause 10(ii) of the Policy, requests that the Board relax the requirement of the Policy that 50% of the Participating Customers must pay at least the minimum down payment on their CIAC prior to the commencement of construction of the Extension; and

 WHEREAS the proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure that Newfoundland Power's investment is compensatory over the useful life of the Extension and will not be to the detriment of Newfoundland Power's other customers, and the Board is satisfied that a deviation from the policy with regards to minimum participation percentage for the non-refundable CIAC option should be approved in this circumstance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Non-Refundable Contribution in Aid of Construction of nine thousand six hundred forty-six dollars and four cents (\$9,646.04), excluding HST, to apply to Domestic Customers located in the cottage area known as Stagg Pond, near Glovertown, is approved.

40 2. A deviation from the Policy requirement respecting down payments to allow Newfoundland Power to commence construction of the Extension is approved.

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

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

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.

Vice-Chair

Board Secretary