## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 12(2024)

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previous year; and

**IN THE MATTER OF** the **Electrical Power** 

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

3	(the "EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act,
4	RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "Act"), as
5	amended, and regulations thereunder; and
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7	IN THE MATTER OF an application by
8	Newfoundland Power Inc. for approval of the
9	disposition of the 2023 balance in the Demand
10	Management Incentive Account pursuant to
11	sections 58 and 80 of the <b>Act</b> .
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14	WHEREAS Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") is a corporation duly organized
15	and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility
16	within the meaning of the Act, and is also subject to the provisions of the EPCA; and
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18	WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 32(2007) the Board approved the Demand Management Incentive
19	Account (the "DMI Account") and approved the definition of the DMI Account to be included in
20	Newfoundland Power's System of Accounts; and
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22	WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 43(2009) the Board approved continued use of the DMI Account;
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25	WHEREAS the approved definition of the DMI Account establishes: (i) a range of ±1% of test year
26	wholesale demand costs for which no account transfer is required (the "Demand Management
27	Incentive"); and (ii) the use of test year unit demand costs as the basis for comparison against
28	actual unit demand costs in determining the purchased power cost variance (the "Demand
29	Supply Cost Variance") for comparison to the Demand Management Incentive to determine if an
30	account transfer is required; and
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32	WHEREAS Newfoundland Power is required to file an application with the Board no later than
33	the 1st day of March each year for the disposition of any balance in the DMI Account for the

**WHEREAS** on February 27, 2024 Newfoundland Power filed an application for the disposition of the balance in the DMI Account (the "Application"); and

**WHEREAS** under the terms of the DMI Account, the Demand Management Incentive is calculated as \$750,631, which represents the amount of the increase in supply costs for 2023 which will be absorbed by Newfoundland Power; and

**WHEREAS** in 2023 Newfoundland Power's Demand Supply Cost Variance, determined in accordance with the DMI Account definition, exceeded the Demand Management Incentive by \$1,397,701 and, in accordance with Order No. P.U. 32(2007), resulted in an after-tax debit transfer to the DMI Account of \$978,391; and

WHEREAS the Application proposes a debit to customers of the 2023 balance in the DMI Account, as well as the related income tax effects, through the July 1, 2024 Rate Stabilization Adjustment by debiting the Rate Stabilization Account (the "RSA") as of March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$1,397,701, which is the 2023 DMI Account balance of \$978,391 plus the related income tax effects of \$419,310; and

**WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 6(2008) the Board approved Section II(6) of the Rate Stabilization Clause which provides for the RSA to be adjusted by any amount upon order of the Board; and

**WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that Newfoundland Power's proposal to dispose of the 2023 balance in the DMI Account, as well as the related income tax effects, by means of a debit in the amount of \$1,397,701 to the RSA as of March 31, 2024 is in accordance with previous Board Orders and should be approved.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The disposition of the 2023 balance in the Demand Management Incentive Account and related income tax effects by means of a debit in the amount of \$1,397,701 to the Rate Stabilization Account as of March 31, 2024 is approved.

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

## **DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

Kevin Fagan

Chair and Chief Executive Officer

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA

commissioner

Christopher Pike, LL.B., FCIP

Commissioner

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**Executive Director and Board Secretary**