NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 35(2026)

IN THE MATTER OF the **Electrical Power Control Act, 1994**, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "**EPCA**") and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "**Act**"), as amended, and regulations thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of a Contribution in Aid of Construction to provide three-phase electrical service to Bell Mobility near Labrador City.

WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued and existing under the **Hydro Corporation Act, 2024,** SNL 2024, Chapter H-18, is a public utility within the meaning of the **Act**, and is also subject to the provisions of the **EPCA**; and

WHEREAS section 41(5) of the **Act** states a public utility that intends to demand from its customers a contribution towards the cost of improvements or additions to its property shall not demand the contribution without the prior approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS on October 13, 2026 Hydro filed an application requesting approval of a Contribution in Aid of Construction ("CIAC") from Bell Mobility to provide three-phase electrical service to their property in the Smokey Mountain area of Labrador City; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Clause 5(e) of the CIAC Policy: Distribution Line Extensions and Upgrades to General Service Customers approved by Order No. P.U. 27(2005) (the "Policy"), detailed cost estimates are to be used when the cost of a line extension or upgrade calculated using the applicable Cost per Metre is estimated to be greater than $100,000; and

WHEREAS to provide the requested electrical service requires a single-phase to three-phase line upgrade and the construction of approximately 1.6 km of three-phase line at an estimated construction cost, based on a detailed engineering estimate in accordance with Clause 5(e) of the Policy, of seven hundred and seventy-six thousand, one hundred and sixteen dollars ($776,116); and

WHEREAS the CIAC, also calculated in accordance Clause 5(e) of the Policy and based on the cost to build the new line with a betterment credit, joint use credit and additional load-based investment, is two hundred and one thousand, seven hundred and seventy-nine dollars and fifty-two cents ($201,779.52), excluding HST; and

WHEREAS Clause 10(ii) of the Policy states all line extensions or upgrades involving CIACs where the costs are calculated pursuant to Clause 5(e) require approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS on October 26, 2026 the Board requested additional information which was provided by Hydro on November 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS the Board accepts that the existing distribution assets are approaching the end of useful life and will require replacement in the near future and is satisfied that the proposed betterment credit is reasonable in the circumstances; and

WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that the proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure Hydro's investment in the distribution system is compensatory over the useful life of the extension and will not be to the detriment of its other customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Contribution in Aid of Construction of two hundred and one thousand, seven hundred seventy-nine dollars and fifty-two cents ($201,779.52), excluding HST, from Bell Mobility to provide three-phase service near Labrador City is approved.

2. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 20th day of November, 2026.

Kevin Fagan
Chair and Chief Executive Officer

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner

Colleen Jones
Assistant Board Secretary