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Board of Commissions of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 2140 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

### Attention: G. Cheryl Blundon, Director of Corporate Services/Board Secretary

Dear Ms. Blundon:

#### **RE:** Newfoundland Power's 2018 Capital Budget Application

Further to the above-captioned, please find enclosed the Consumer Advocate's Intervenor Submission.

Yours truly, NP Dennis Browne, Q.C

/jl Enclosure

cc Gerard Hayes (ghayes@newfoundlandpower.com) Tracey Pennell (traceypennell@nlh.nl.ca)

## IN THE MATTER OF the Public

Utilities Act, (the "Act"); and

**IN THE MATTER OF** capital expenditures and rate base of Newfoundland Power Inc.; and

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Newfoundland Power Inc. for an order pursuant to Section 41 and 78 of the Act:

- (a) Approving a 2018 Capital Budget of \$83,876,000;
- (b) Approving certain capital expenditures related to multi-year projects commencing in 2018; and
- (c) Fixing and determining a 2016 rate base of \$1,061,044,000

Newfoundland Power's 2018 Capital Budget Application (the Application)

# **INTERVENOR SUBMISSION**

The Consumer Advocate (the "Consumer Advocate") appointed as set out in Section 117 of the *Public Utilities Act* will intervene in the above referenced Application to represent these purposes:

- (a) To represent consumers in all matters pertaining to the Application;
- (b) To advocate that the Board apply the policy established under the *Electrical Power Control Act* 1994 (the "Act") and in particular to ensure that the Application will result in power being delivered to consumers at the lowest possible cost consistent with reliable service;
- (c) To attend conferences and hearings, as the case may be, and to file Requests for Information and written submission;

(d) And to all matters relating to the foregoing.

Dated at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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Dennis Browne, Q.C. Consumer Advocate