NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 30(2014)

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 a general rate application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to establish customer electricity rates for 2014; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval on an interim basis, effective January 1, 2014 of, among other things, rate changes for certain customers and a deferral account for others, and amendments to the Rate Stabilization Plan; and

IN THE MATTER OF an award of costs to Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited pursuant to Order No. P.U. 13(2014).

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

WHEREAS section 90 of the Act gives the Board the authority and discretion to award costs in a proceeding before the Board; and

WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 13(2014) the Board found Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited ("Vale") had a unique interest in the matter and that its participation was helpful and necessary and ordered that Vale be awarded costs in an amount to be fixed by the Board; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 2014 Vale submitted a bill of costs in the amount of $56,649.79 (HST inclusive) for the Board’s consideration; and

WHEREAS the Board requested comments on the bill of costs from Hydro and on July 4, 2014 Hydro submitted that the amount claimed is reasonable, with the exception that Hydro should not be ordered to pay amounts attributable to HST; and
WHEREAS on July 15, 2014 Vale agreed that the award of costs should be net of HST; and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the bill of costs submitted by Vale and is satisfied that Vale’s costs should be fixed in the amount of $51,461.32 (exclusive of HST).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The costs of Vale are fixed at $51,461.32, exclusive of HST.

2. Hydro shall, within thirty days, pay costs to Vale in the amount of $51,461.32.

DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador this 31st day of July 2014.

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Andy Wells
Chair & Chief Executive Officer

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Dwanda Newman, LL.B.
Commissioner

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Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary