

P.U. 31 (2000-2001)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
ACT, R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47, (THE "ACT");**

AND

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO
(THE "APPLICANT") FOR APPROVAL OF:
(1) ITS 2001 CAPITAL BUDGET PURSUANT TO
S.41 (1) OF THE ACT; (2) ITS 2001 CAPITAL
PURCHASES AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
IN EXCESS OF \$50,000 PURSUANT TO S.41(3)(a)
OF THE ACT; (3) ITS LEASES FOR 2001 IN EXCESS
OF \$5,000 PER YEAR PURSUANT TO S.41(3)(b)
OF THE ACT; AND (4) ITS ESTIMATED
CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION FOR
2001 PURSUANT TO S.41(5) OF THE ACT.**

WHEREAS Section 41(1) of the Act requires that a public utility submit an annual capital budget of proposed improvements or additions to its property to the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board") for its approval not later than the 15th day of December in each year for the next calendar year; and

WHEREAS Section 41(2) of the Act requires that the budget shall contain an estimate of future required expenditures on improvements or additions to the property of the public utility that will not be completed in the next calendar year; and

WHEREAS the Applicant provided additional information at the request of the Board after the hearing regarding its telecommunications plan and the status of carryover projects; and

WHEREAS the Board has carefully considered all the evidence and comments of the Applicant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Applicant's Capital Budget, as set out in Section A hereto, in the amount of \$54,681,000 is hereby approved.
2. The Applicant's proposed 2001 construction projects and capital purchases in excess of \$50,000, as set out in Section B hereto, are hereby approved.
3. The Applicant's 2001 leases in excess of \$5,000 per calendar year, as set out in Section D hereto, are hereby approved.
4. The Board will make a determination as to contributions in aid of construction in 2001 when those matters are presented to the Board.
5. The Applicant will present to the Board, in conjunction with the 2002 Capital Budget application, an up-to-date status report on the 2001 capital expenditures showing, for each project,
 - i) the approved budget for 2001,
 - ii) the expenditures prior to 2001,
 - iii) the expenditures to the date of the application in 2001,
 - iv) the expected remaining expenditures in 2001,
 - v) the variances between the expected total expenditures and the approved budget,
 - vi) an explanation of the variances, and
 - vii) amounts anticipated to be carried over to 2002 and the reasons for the carryovers.

6. The Applicant will present a report to the Board on its 2001 capital expenditures within sixty (60) days after the end of the year 2001.

7. As part of its quarterly capital expenditures reports to the Board in 2001 the Applicant will provide an itemized listing of the amounts allocated to the contingency fund, including a description of the projects, the amounts spent on each project, any future commitments, and the reasons why there was an exigency requiring the use of the funds.

8. All costs and expenses of the Board incurred in connection with this Application shall be borne by the Applicant.