IN THE MATTER OF the

Public Utilities Act, (the "Act")

AND,

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Newfoundland Power Inc. for an Order pursuant to Sections 41, 78 and 80 of the Act:

- (a) approving its 2005 Capital Budget of \$48,141,000; and
- (b) (i) fixing and determining its average rate base for 2003 in the amount of \$675,730,000;
 - (ii) approving its revised forecast average rate base for 2004 in the amount of \$713,072,000; and
 - (iii) approving its forecast average rate base for 2005 in the amount of \$740,142,000; and
- (c) approving revised values for rate base and invested capital for use in the automatic adjustment formula (the "Automatic Adjustment Formula") for the calculation of return on rate base for 2004 pursuant to Order P.U. 19(2003).

INFORMATION REQUESTS

PUB 48 (RE: 2004 Capital Expenditure Status Report - Note 1 Hydro Plants Facility Rehabilitation - Variance: \$252,000)

Please provide a breakdown of the components that make up the variance of \$252,000.

PUB 49 Since the demand metering and the alarms were not included in the original application, why would NP not have applied to the Board, with appropriate justification, in a supplementary application to include these expenditures in its 2004 capital expenditures?

PUB 50 Note 7 Rebuild Substations Variance: (\$105,000)

Please describe the work performed at the Trepassey site, providing the total cost of this rebuild, and showing how it differs from that described in the 2004 Capital Budget, Substations, Appendix 1.

PUB 51 Note 8 Transformer Cooling Refurbishment Variance: (\$105,000)

Which of the four locations (Greenspond, Bishops Falls, Cobbs Pond and Humber) set out in the 2004 Capital Budget were affected by the decision to reduce the number of transformer radiators to be refurbished in 2004?

- PUB 52 What effect has the decision to reduce the number of transformer radiators to be refurbished had on safety, reliability or environmental concerns in the areas affected?
- PUB 53 Has the company rescheduled the refurbishment of the transformer radiators previously deferred? If so, until when?

PUB 54 Note 8 Protection and Monitoring Improvements Variance: (\$20,000)

Which of the three locations (Goulds, Gander, Cobbs) set out in the 2004 Capital Budget were affected by the decision to reduce the number of tap changer control installations scheduled for 2004?

- **PUB 55** What effect has the decision to reduce the number of tap changer control installations had on safety, reliability or environmental concerns in the areas affected?
- PUB 56 Has the company rescheduled the installation of tap changer controls previously deferred? If so, until when?

PUB 57 Note 13 Rebuild Transmission Lines

Provide details of the transmission lines rebuilt/to be rebuilt in 2004 at the request of third parties. Include the name of the third party requesting the rebuild, the date of the request, the cost of each project, the amount to be recovered in a CIAC, if applicable, and any other relevant details.

Variance: \$188,000

Variance: \$1,898,000

PUB 58 Provide a comparison of the details of the transmission lines rebuilt/to be rebuilt in 2004 with those of any transmission lines rebuilt in 2003.

PUB 59 Note 14 Extensions

Provide details of all significant projects making up the total forecast for extensions for 2004 of \$6,854,000. Include locations, number of customers added, both residential and commercial, total cost of each location, amounts to be recovered in CIACs, if applicable, and any other relevant details.

PUB 60 Provide a comparison of the details of the extensions for 2004 with those of the extensions of 2003.

PUB 61 Note 17 Transformers Variance: \$375,000

Provide details of installations of transformers making up the total forecast for 2004. Include locations, number of new customers serviced, both residential and commercial, total cost of each locations, and any other relevant details.

PUB 62 Provide a comparison of the details of the transformers for 2004 with those of the transformers for 2003.

PUB 63 Note 18 Relocate/replace Distribution Lines for Third Parties Variance: \$385,000

Provide details of the distribution lines rebuilt/to be rebuilt in 2004 at the request of third parties. Include the name of the third party requesting the rebuild, the date of the request, the cost of each project, the amount to be recovered in a CIAC, if applicable, and any other relevant details.

PUB 64 Provide a comparison of the details of the distribution lines rebuilt/to be rebuilt in 2004 with those of any distribution lines rebuilt in 2003.

PUB 65 Note 22 Rebuild Distribution Lines (2003 Project) Variance: \$511,000

Compare, explaining the differences, the original budgeted cost of the rebuild of St. John's feeder KBR-08 with the current forecast of this project.

- PUB 66 Compare, explaining the differences, the original budgeted cost of the extension of feeder GLV-02 to Charlottetown with the current forecast of this project.
- **PUB 67** Can any part of the increased variance be explained by the deferral of these projects?

PUB 68 Note 23 Additions to Real Property Variance: \$97,000

Identify any variations from the original budget. Include details of the identification of the need for each project, the reason for the undertaking at this time of this particular project, the total cost of each project, and any other relevant information.

PUB 69 Note 26 Personal Computer Infrastructure Variance (\$80,000)

Compare the number of personal computers, desktop and laptop, originally forecast with those actually purchased.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland this 14th day of September, 2004.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Per <u>Original signed by</u>
Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary