P.U. 15 (2003)

IN THE MATTER OF the **PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT**, R.S.N. 1990, c. P-47, as amended (the "Act")

<u>AND</u>

IN THE MATTER OF the application by Newfoundland Power Inc. (the "Applicant") for approval of a contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") for a line extension to serve seasonal customers (the "Customers") pursuant to section 41(5) of the Act.

WHEREAS the Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility within the meaning of the Act, and is also subject to the provisions of the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994;* and

WHEREAS the Customers consist of twelve (12) Seasonal Customers whose residences are

located at Winter Tickle near the community of Botwood; and

WHEREAS the Customers have requested that the Applicant provide their residences at Winter Tickle with single-phase electrical service which, in order to so provide, requires the construction of a single-phase extension of 1,013 metres (the "Extension"); and

WHEREAS the Extension will not be jointly used by the Applicant and Aliant Telecom Inc.; and

WHEREAS a CIAC for the Extension has been calculated in accordance with Clauses 5(b) and 5(c) of the CIAC Policy: Distribution Line Extensions to Residential and Seasonal Residential Customers approved by Order No. P.U. 7 (1997-98) dated September 30, 1997 (the "Policy") and the CIAC thus calculated is Two thousand four hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$2,417.68), including HST, for each Seasonal Customer; and

WHEREAS Clause 12(c) of the Policy states that all CIACs for Main Line extensions for primarily seasonal residential customers be submitted to the Board for approval; and

WHEREAS the proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure that the Applicant's investment in the Extension is compensatory over the useful life of the Extension and will not be to the detriment of the Applicant's other customers; and

WHEREAS the proposed expenditures on the Extension are necessary for the Applicant to provide service and facilities to the Customers which are reasonably safe and adequate and just and reasonable as required pursuant to s. 37 of the Act.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Pursuant to Section 41(5) of the Act, the Board approves the contribution in aid of construction in the amount of Two thousand four hundred seventeen dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$2,417.68), including HST, for each Seasonal Customer, as calculated under the Policy.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 30th day of April, 2003.

Robert Noseworthy, Chair & Chief Executive Officer.

G. Fred Saunders, Commissioner.

G. Cheryl Blundon, Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary.