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3 **P.U. 26 (2006)**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF THE**  
5 **PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT,**  
6 R.S.N.L. 1990, c. P-47, as amended  
7 (the “*Act*”)

8 **AND**

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10 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Ex Parte*  
11 Application by Newfoundland and  
12 Labrador Hydro (“the Applicant”) for  
13 approval of the lease of office space  
14 to support its 2006 regulatory activities,  
15 pursuant to Section 41 of the *Act*.

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19 **WHEREAS** the Applicant is a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act*,  
20 is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act* and is also subject to the provisions of the *Electrical*  
21 *Power Control Act, 1994*; and

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23 **WHEREAS** Paragraph 41 (3)(a) of the *Act* requires the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities  
24 (the “Board”) to approve the lease of improvements or additions to a utility’s property where the  
25 cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease; and

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27 **WHEREAS** the Applicant has ongoing regulatory activities before the Board which will be held in  
28 the Board’s hearing room in the Prince Charles Building on Torbay Road in St. John’s throughout  
29 the second half of 2006 including a general rate application and the Applicant’s 2007 Capital Budget  
30 application and hearing; and

1 **WHEREAS** to facilitate the timely provision of information to be provided and referred to in the  
2 regulatory processes, the Applicant has by application dated July 21, 2006 requested approval for the  
3 lease of office space for a six-month period in the Prince Charles Building, commencing September  
4 1, 2006, at a rental rate of \$2,500 per month, plus HST; and

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6 **WHEREAS** the Board has considered the Applicant's request for approval.

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8 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

9 1. Pursuant to Section 41 (3) of the *Act*, the Board approves the Applicant's proposed six-  
10 month lease of office space in the Prince Charles Building, commencing September 1, 2006,  
11 for a rental amount of \$2,500 per month, plus HST.

12 2. The Applicant shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

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14 **Dated** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2006.

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