

1 **P. U. 4(2007)**

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3 **IN THE MATTER OF THE**
4 **PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT,**
5 R.S.N.L. 1990, c. P-47, as amended
6 (the “Act”)
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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 for its Northern Region Operations,
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)(b) 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** on January 16, 2007 the Applicant applied to the Board requesting approval of a two-
28 year lease of garage space in the St. Anthony vicinity to support its Northern Region Operations, and
29 in particular, to provide garage space for the maintenance and repair of the Applicant’s specialized
30 utility vehicles in that region; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Board approved, in Order No. P. U. 35(2006), a 2007 Capital Budget for the
2 Applicant totaling \$37,684,000 with no new leases included; and

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4 **WHEREAS** the proposed lease is for an amount of \$3,750 per month (plus HST) for an annual rent
5 of \$45,000.00 per year (plus HST); and

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7 **WHEREAS** on January 17, 2007 the Board forwarded information requests to the Applicant, the
8 responses to which were received on March 6, 2007; and

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10 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed expenditures are necessary for the Applicant to
11 provide service and facilities given that adequate alternate facilities are not commercially available
12 in the area.

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14 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

- 15 1. Pursuant to Section 41 (3) of the *Act*, the Board approves the Applicant's proposed two-year
16 lease of garage space at St. Anthony, for a rental amount of \$3,750 per month, plus HST.
17 2. The Applicant shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 20th day of March 2007.

Robert Noseworthy
Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chair

G. Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary