

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 39(2013)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power*
2 *Control Act, 1994*, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the
3 "*EPCA*") and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,
4 Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*"), as amended, and regulations
5 thereunder; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval
9 of a capital expenditure to purchase equipotential
10 bonding and grounding equipment pursuant to
11 section 41 of the *Act*.
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14 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued and
15 existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act*, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and
16 is subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and
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18 **WHEREAS** in Order Nos. P.U. 2(2013) and P.U. 4(2013) the Board approved Hydro's 2013
19 Capital Budget; and
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21 **WHEREAS** subsection 41(3) of the *Act* states that a public utility shall not proceed with the
22 construction, purchase or lease of improvements or additions to its property where:
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- 24 a) the cost of construction or purchase is in excess of \$50,000; or
 - 25 b) the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease
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27 without prior approval of the Board; and
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29 **WHEREAS** the Board approved supplementary 2013 capital expenditures in:
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- 31 (i) Order No. P.U. 1(2013) in the amount of \$284,100 for the refurbishment of the
32 stop logs at the Burnt Dam Spillway;
- 33 (ii) Order No. P.U. 12(2013) in the amount of \$5,198,000 for the refurbishment of the
34 marine terminal at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station;
- 35 (iii) Order No. P.U. 14(2013) in the amount of \$12,809,700 for the refurbishment and
36 repairs to Unit 1 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station;
- 37 (iv) Order No. P.U. 15(2013) in the amount of \$3,823,600 for 2013 to install
38 additional 230 kV transformer capacity at the Oxen Pond Terminal Station;

- 1 (v) Order No. P.U. 20(2013) in the amount of \$8,015,800 for the replacement of the
2 alternator on the Hardwoods Gas Turbine;
3 (vi) Order No P.U. 25(2013) in the amount of \$11,741, plus HST, for the lease of
4 vehicles;
5 (vii) Order No. P.U. 31(2013) in the amount of \$207,000 as a supplementary amount to
6 the Allowance for Unforeseen Items;
7 (viii) Order No. P.U. 33(2013) in the amount of \$388,700 for the replacement of a
8 breaker at Hinds Lake generating station; and
9 (ix) Order No. P.U. 38(2013) in the amount of \$1,263,400 to install diesel units,
10 transformers and other infrastructure at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station;
11 and
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13 **WHEREAS** on November 19, 2013 Hydro filed an application with the Board requesting
14 approval of a capital expenditure in the amount of \$158,300 to purchase equipotential bonding
15 and grounding equipment (the "Application"); and
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17 **WHEREAS** the Board requested comments from Newfoundland Power Inc., the Consumer
18 Advocate, a group of three Island Industrial customers: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited,
19 North Atlantic Refining Limited and Teck Resources Limited ("Industrial Customer Group"),
20 and Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited ("Vale"); and
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22 **WHEREAS** the Board did not receive any submissions from the parties in relation to the
23 Application; and
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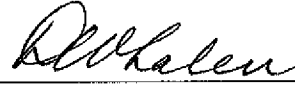
25 **WHEREAS** Hydro advises that an equipotential bonding and grounding program is required
26 pursuant to the "*Standard on Electric Utility Workplace Electrical Safety for Generation,
27 Transmission, and Distribution*"; and
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29 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed 2013 supplemental capital expenditure for
30 the purchase of equipotential bonding and grounding equipment is necessary to allow Hydro to
31 provide service and facilities which are reasonably safe and adequate and just and reasonable.
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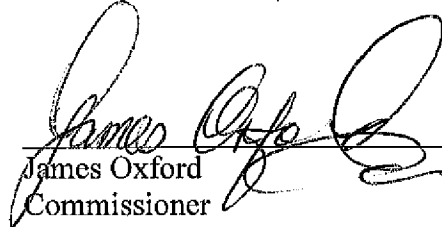
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34 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 36 1. The proposed capital expenditure of \$158,300 for the purchase of equipotential bonding
37 and grounding equipment is approved.
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39 2. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

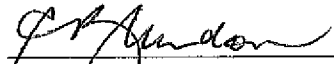
DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 2nd day of December, 2013.



Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chair



James Oxford
Commissioner



Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary