

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 41(2016)

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 Newfoundland
8 and Labrador Hydro to abandon the 15 MW gas turbine at
9 Holyrood, pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*.
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12 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is a corporation continued and existing
13 under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is also
14 subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and
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16 **WHEREAS** Hydro owns and once operated a 15 MW gas turbine at the Holyrood Thermal
17 Generating Station; and
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19 **WHEREAS** on August 31, 2016, pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*, Hydro applied to the Board for
20 approval to abandon the 15 MW gas turbine at Holyrood (the “Application”); and
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22 **WHEREAS** the Application states that the 15 MW gas turbine at Holyrood was permanently
23 removed from service in 2012 and is no longer connected to Hydro’s system; and
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25 **WHEREAS** the Application states that service will not be affected as the functions once provided by
26 the 15 MW gas turbine in Holyrood are now provided by eight 2 MW mobile diesel generators; and
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28 **WHEREAS** section 38 of the *Act* requires written consent of the Board before a public utility can
29 abandon part of a line or works after they have been operated, or to discontinue a service, which
30 consent shall only be given after notice is provided to an incorporated municipal body interested and
31 only after there has been an inquiry; and
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33 **WHEREAS** the Application was copied to: the Town of Holyrood; Newfoundland Power Inc.; the
34 Consumer Advocate, Mr. Tom Johnson; Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited and NARL Refining
35 Limited Partnership; Teck Resources Limited; Vale Newfoundland & Labrador Limited; and Praxair
36 Canada Inc.; and

1 **WHEREAS** on August 31, 2016 Hydro wrote the Town of Holyrood to advise of its plan to
2 decommission the 15 MW gas turbine in Holyrood; and

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4 **WHEREAS** on September 2, 2016 the Board provided a copy of the Application to the Town of
5 Holyrood and requested that the town provide any comments or concerns in writing to the Board on
6 or before Friday, September 23, 2016; and

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8 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power Inc., the Consumer Advocate, the Industrial Customer Group and
9 Vale Newfoundland & Labrador Limited advised the Board that they did not have comments on the
10 Application; and

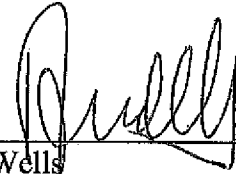
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12 **WHEREAS** the Board did not receive comments from the other parties with respect to the
13 Application; and

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15 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the Application to abandon the gas turbine in Holyrood
16 should be approved.

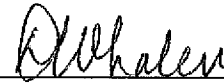
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19 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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21 1. Pursuant to Section 38 of the *Act*, the abandonment by Hydro of the 15 MW gas turbine in
22 Holyrood is approved.
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24 2. Hydro shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board incurred in connection with this
25 Application.

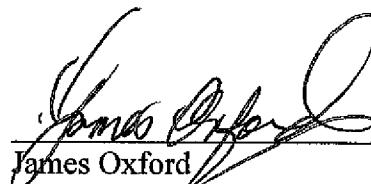
DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 30th day of September 2016.




Andy Wells
Chair & Chief Executive Officer



Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chair



James Oxford
Commissioner



Sara Kean
Assistant Board Secretary