

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

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**NO. P.U. 12(2019)**

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  
4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended, and  
5 regulations thereunder; and  
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
8 Newfoundland Power Inc. to remove a section of  
9 distribution line from service on the Burin  
10 Peninsula, pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*.  
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13 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) is a corporation duly organized  
14 and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility  
15 within the meaning of the *Act*, and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and  
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17 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power owns and operates distribution feeder BLA-01, which extends  
18 from the Bay L’Argent Substation on the Burin Peninsula; and  
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20 **WHEREAS** an inspection revealed significant deterioration of poles, hardware and electrical  
21 conductor on a 10.5 kilometer section of distribution feeder BLA-01 along an abandoned roadbed  
22 between the Towns of Rushoon and Red Harbour (the “Deteriorated Line”); and  
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24 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power determined that the least-cost alternative to address the  
25 deterioration was an extension of distribution feeder line LLK-03; and  
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27 **WHEREAS** the Deteriorated Line has been de-energized and Newfoundland Power proposes to  
28 dismantle it on the basis that it is no longer useful; and  
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30 **WHEREAS** on February 20, 2019, Newfoundland Power filed an application requesting approval  
31 to remove the Deteriorated Line from service (the “Application”); and  
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33 **WHEREAS** pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*, the Board must give written consent before a public  
34 utility abandons a work or discontinues a service; and  
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36 **WHEREAS** consent of the Board shall only be given after notice is provided to an interested  
37 incorporated municipal body; and

1 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power notified the Town of Red Harbour, which is the only  
2 incorporated municipality previously served by the Deteriorated Line, that it had filed an  
3 application with the Board for approval to remove this line from service; and  
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5 **WHEREAS** the Town of Red Harbour advised that they did not have any objection to the  
6 proposed removal of the Deteriorated Line; and  
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8 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that the Deteriorated Line is approximately 45 years old and  
9 its condition and remote location from public roads has contributed to poor service quality for  
10 customers in the Town of Red Harbour; and  
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12 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that there are no customers of Newfoundland Power who will  
13 be affected by the removal of the Deteriorated Line and submitted that the removal of the  
14 Deteriorated Line will not adversely affect the reliability of service provided by Newfoundland  
15 Power; and  
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17 **WHEREAS** the Board finds that removal of the deteriorated section of BLA-01 should be  
18 approved.  
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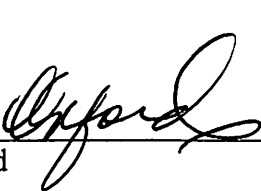
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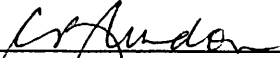
21 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**  
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- 23 1. Pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*, the removal of the deteriorated section of BLA-01 from  
24 service is approved.
- 25 2. Newfoundland Power shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board related to this application.  
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**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

  
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 Darlene Whalen, P. Eng., FEC  
 Chair & CEO

  
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 James Oxford  
 Commissioner

  
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 Cheryl Blundon  
 Board Secretary