

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 30(2021)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power*
2 *Control Act, 1994*, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1
3 (the “*EPCA*”) and the *Public Utilities Act*,
4 RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as
5 amended, and regulations thereunder; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application filed by
8 Newfoundland Power Inc. on December 16, 2020
9 for approval of, among other things, supplemental
10 2021 capital expenditures related to the construction
11 of an electric vehicle charging network associated with
12 the implementation of new electrification programming
13 set out in the joint utility Electrification, Conservation
14 and Demand Management Plan 2021-2025; and
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16 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application filed by
17 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro on June 16, 2021
18 for approval of, among other things, supplemental
19 2021 capital expenditures related to the construction
20 of an electric vehicle charging network associated with
21 the implementation of new electrification programming
22 set out in the joint utility Electrification, Conservation
23 and Demand Management Plan 2021-2025; and
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25 **IN THE MATTER OF** the application by Newfoundland
26 Power Inc. and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for
27 approval of 2021 capital expenditures for electric vehicle
28 charging stations pursuant to section 41 of the *Act*.
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31 **WHEREAS** on December 16, 2020 Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) filed an
32 application (the “Newfoundland Power Application”) for approvals required for the execution of
33 electrification programming related to the joint utility Electrification, Conservation and Demand
34 Management Plan 2021-2025 (the “2021 Plan”); and
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36 **WHEREAS** the Newfoundland Power Application requested approval of, among other things,
37 supplemental 2021 capital expenditures of approximately \$1.5 million for the construction of ten

1 electric vehicle (“EV”) charging stations throughout its service territory with recovery from
2 customers to be reduced by the amount received of the requested federal funding of approximately
3 \$550,000; and

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5 **WHEREAS** the Newfoundland Power Application was copied to the Consumer Advocate, Dennis
6 Browne, Q.C. (the “Consumer Advocate”) and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”);
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9 **WHEREAS** on June 16, 2021 Hydro filed an application (the “Hydro Application”) for approvals
10 required for the execution of electrification programming related to the 2021 Plan; and

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12 **WHEREAS** the Hydro Application requested approval of, among other things, supplemental 2021
13 capital expenditures of approximately \$1.1 million for the construction of six EV charging stations
14 on the Island and \$500,000 for the construction of three EV charging stations in Labrador with
15 recovery from customers of the Island charging stations to be reduced by the amount received of
16 requested federal funding of \$330,000, and with no recovery of costs for the Labrador locations;
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19 **WHEREAS** the Hydro Application was copied to: Newfoundland Power; the Consumer
20 Advocate; Hydro’s Island Industrial customers: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, NARL
21 Refining Limited Partnership, Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited (the “Island Industrial
22 Customers”); Iron Ore Company of Canada; Teck Resources Limited; Praxair Canada Inc.; and
23 the communities of Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Wabush, and Labrador City; and

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25 **WHEREAS** on August 30, 2021 the Board advised the parties that the Newfoundland Power
26 Application and the Hydro Application would be joined and proceed as one matter (the
27 “Applications”); and

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29 **WHEREAS** on September 7, 2021 the Island Industrial Customers requested that the Board
30 convene a technical conference to provide Hydro the opportunity to address certain issues
31 identified by the Island Industrial Customers and any other issues which may be identified by the
32 Board and the other parties; and

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34 **WHEREAS** on September 10, 2021 Hydro requested that the proposed 2021 supplemental capital
35 expenditures for EV charging stations be heard on a timely and stand-alone basis to address the
36 risk that a regulatory process which extends beyond September 2021 would pose to the approved
37 federal funding for these charging stations; and

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39 **WHEREAS** on September 17, 2021 the Board wrote the parties to advise that, to ensure a timely
40 decision, the proposed supplemental 2021 EV charging station capital expenditures would be
41 separated from the other proposals in the Applications and would be considered on a stand-alone
42 basis as soon as possible; and

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44 **WHEREAS** this Order relates to the supplemental 2021 EV charging station capital expenditures
45 proposed by Newfoundland Power and Hydro and the remaining issues associated with the

1 Applications, including how approved capital expenditures would be recovered from customers,
2 will be addressed in a subsequent order of the Board; and
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4 **WHEREAS** the evidence filed as part of the Applications shows that all or a portion of the federal
5 funding available to offset the supplemental 2021 capital expenditures proposed by Newfoundland
6 Power and Hydro for EV charging stations may be jeopardized if approval of these capital
7 expenditures is not granted by the end of September 2021; and
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9 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the supplemental 2021 capital expenditures proposed in
10 the Newfoundland Power Application and the Hydro Application for the deployment of EV
11 charging stations should be approved with recovery, net of funding, from customers for the Island
12 EV charging stations and that, to ensure timely approval, the Board will issue its reasons for
13 decision in respect of this Order separately; and
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15 **WHEREAS** a decision as to the expenses of the Board and the costs of the parties arising from
16 the Applications will be made by the Board in the subsequent order related to the Applications.
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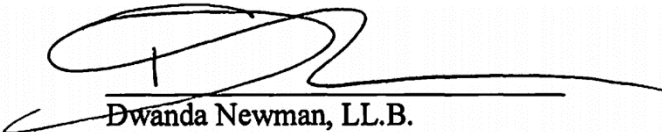
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19 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 21 1. Newfoundland Power Inc.'s proposed supplemental 2021 capital expenditure for the
22 deployment of EV charging stations, in the amount of approximately \$1.5 million, is approved.
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- 24 2. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's proposed supplemental 2021 capital expenditure for the
25 deployment of EV charging stations, in the amount of \$1.6 million, is approved.

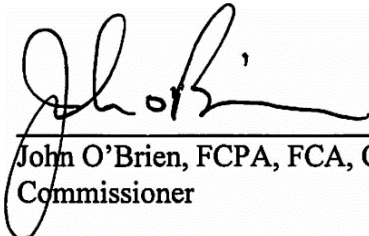
DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 29th day of September, 2021.




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Chair and Chief Executive Officer




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Vice-Chair



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