## NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 20(2023)

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
6	IN THE MATTER OF an application by
7	IN THE MATTER OF an application by
8	Newfoundland Power Inc. for approval to issue
9	Series AS First Mortgage Bonds pursuant to
10 11	section 91 of the <b>Act</b> .
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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 <b>Act</b> , and is also subject to the provisions of the <b>EPCA</b> ; and
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17	WHEREAS on June 30, 2023 the Board received an application from Newfoundland Power to issue
18	Series AS First Mortgage Bonds in an amount of up to \$100,000,000 with a term of up to 40 years
19	and coupon rate of up to 6.5% (the "Application"); and
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21	WHEREAS pursuant to section 91 of the Act a public utility may not issue bonds until it has
22	obtained approval from the Board for the proposed issue; and
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24	WHEREAS Newfoundland Power states that the proceeds of the bonds will be used to repay short-
25	term indebtedness primarily incurred to finance its capital expenditure program; and
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27	WHEREAS the Application was circulated to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and the
28	Consumer Advocate, Mr. Dennis Browne, K.C.; and
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30	WHEREAS on July 11, 2023 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro advised that they did not have
31	any comments in relation to the Application; and
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33	WHEREAS the Board received no other comments in relation to the Application; and
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35	WHEREAS on July 13, 2023 Newfoundland Power filed a reply requesting the Application be
36	approved as filed; and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the Application and supporting material and finds that approval of the issue of Series AS First Mortgage Bonds in an amount of up to \$100,000,000 is in accordance with law and for a purpose approved by the Board.

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## **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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1. Newfoundland Power's proposal to issue Series AS First Mortgage Bonds in an amount of up to \$100,000,000 to repay short term indebtedness is approved subject to the following conditions:

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a) The Series AS First Mortgage Bonds shall be issued on or before June 30, 2024.

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b) Newfoundland Power shall file with the Board a report specifying the terms and conditions of the bond issue within five (5) days after closing, setting out the following:

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- i. date of issue;
- ii. term;
  - iii. maturity date;
  - iv. principal amount;
  - v. coupon rate;
    - vi. particulars of sinking fund, if any;
    - vii. price to public and to the underwriters;
    - viii. yield to the public;
    - ix. underwriting fee;
    - x. estimate of costs (i.e. yield) to Newfoundland Power; and
    - xi. any other material terms or conditions.

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c) Newfoundland Power shall file with the Board a copy of the Underwriting Agreement relating to the bond issue within five (5) days after closing.

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d) Newfoundland Power shall file with the Board a report on the actual costs to Newfoundland Power and the disposition of the net proceeds no later than six months from the date of the closing.

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2. Newfoundland Power shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 21st. day of July, 2023.

Dwanda Newman, LL.B.

Vice-Chair

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA

Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary