

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 25(2025)

IN THE MATTER OF the **Electrical Power Control Act, 1994**, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “**EPCA**”) and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “**Act**”), as amended, and regulations thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for an exemption to Regulation 17 of its rules and regulations.

WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is a corporation continued and existing under the **Hydro Corporation Act, 2024**, is a public utility within the meaning of the **Act**, and is also subject to the provisions of the **EPCA**; and

WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 36(2018) the Board approved a revision to Hydro’s rules and regulations to permit a restriction on load additions in excess of 100 kW in Labrador East for the 2018-2019 winter season and in Order No. P.U. 34(2019) the Board increased the restriction threshold to 200 kW, extended the restriction geographically to include Labrador West, and ordered that the restriction remain in place until further order of the Board; and

WHEREAS Regulation 17 of Hydro’s rules and regulations sets out the approved restriction on load in Labrador East and West and permits Hydro to apply for a variance or exemption to this restriction where there are special circumstances surrounding an application for service; and

WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 7(2021) the Board approved the Network Additions Policy for the Labrador Interconnected System, which is intended to limit rate increases that can result from investments necessary to serve new load requests, but also to share the benefits and costs of new transmission investments amongst new and existing customers; and

WHEREAS restrictions pursuant to Regulation 17 remain in place while the system expansion needs are determined; and

1 **WHEREAS** on June 9, 2025 Hydro filed an application for an exemption to Regulation 17 to
2 provide additional service to Abbass & McLean Holdings in Happy Valley-Goose Bay (the
3 “Application”); and
4

5 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that in 2024 Abbass & McLean Holdings created a Recreational
6 Vehicle park and campground in Happy Valley-Goose Bay to enhance tourism in the area and
7 currently plans to expand the number of powered lots and facilities which will result in an overall
8 estimated peak demand of 242 kW; and
9

10 **WHEREAS** Hydro stated that considering the balance between the importance of ensuring the
11 system is not overwhelmed with the necessity for reasonable community infrastructure and
12 business growth in Labrador, it is reasonable to approve the request for additional service; and
13

14 **WHEREAS** the Application was copied to: Newfoundland Power Inc.; the Consumer Advocate,
15 Dennis Browne, KC; a group of Island Industrial customers: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited,
16 Braya Renewable Fuels (Newfoundland) GP Inc., and Vale Newfoundland & Labrador Limited;
17 Iron Ore Company of Canada; and the communities of Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay,
18 Wabush, and Labrador City; and
19

20 **WHEREAS** on June 13, 2025 Newfoundland Power Inc. advised that it had no comments regarding
21 the Application; and
22

23 **WHEREAS** on June 16, 2025 Hydro filed a reply requesting the Board approve the Application as
24 submitted; and
25

26 **WHEREAS** no other comments were received by the Board; and
27

28 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that an exemption to Regulation 17 to provide additional service
29 to Abbass & McLean Holdings as requested is warranted and should be approved.
30


31
32 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
33

- 34 1. An exemption to Regulation 17 to provide additional service to Abbass & McLean Holdings
35 to expand the number of powered lots and facilities at its Recreational Vehicle park and
36 campground in Happy Valley-Goose Bay is approved.
37
38 2. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.


DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 17th day of June 2025.




Kevin Fagan
Chair and Chief Executive Officer



John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner



Christopher Pike, LL.B., FCIP
Commissioner



Jo-Anne Galarneau
Executive Director and Board Secretary