

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

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**NO. P.U. 9(2025)**

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 by  
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for  
9 approval of the recovery of costs of the  
10 interconnection and integration of the  
11 Puffin Wind Inc. renewable energy project,  
12 pursuant to section 41 of the **Act**.  
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15 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is a corporation continued and existing  
16 under the **Hydro Corporation Act, 2024**, is a public utility within the meaning of the **Act**, and is  
17 also subject to the provisions of the **EPCA**; and  
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19 **WHEREAS** pursuant to section 41 of the **Act** and **Public Utilities Regulations**, NLR 40/23, a public  
20 utility shall not proceed with the construction, purchase or lease of improvements or additions  
21 to its property where the cost of construction or purchase is in excess of \$750,000 without prior  
22 approval of the Board; and  
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24 **WHEREAS** section 41(5) of the **Act** states a public utility that intends to demand from its  
25 customers a contribution towards the cost of improvements or additions to its property shall not  
26 demand the contribution without the prior approval of the Board; and  
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28 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 28(2024), the Board approved Hydro’s 2025 Capital Budget in the  
29 amount of \$135,712,800; and  
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31 **WHEREAS** on January 28, 2025 Hydro filed an application requesting approval of:

- 32 (i) a supplementary capital expenditure in the amount of \$1,278,000 for acquisition  
33 and installation of upgrades to the diesel station and distribution system to  
34 facilitate and accommodate an updated renewable energy system in Ramea; and

- 1 (ii) a charge to Puffin Wind Inc. (“Puffin”) for an estimated contribution of \$1,278,000,  
2 plus HST of approximately \$191,700, for a total of \$1,469,700 to pay for the cost  
3 of the project (“Application”); and  
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5 **WHEREAS** Hydro owns and operates a diesel generating station in Ramea and also purchases 390  
6 kW of wind power energy from an independent power producer, Frontier Power Systems Inc.  
7 (“Frontier”); and  
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9 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that Frontier, through its successor company, Puffin, intends to  
10 improve and expand the renewable energy system in Ramea with an expansion and upgrade  
11 project that will provide a total of approximately 900 kW of wind power and 1,000 kW of battery  
12 energy storage; and  
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14 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that upgrades to the electrical interconnection and  
15 communication link between Hydro’s diesel generating station and Puffin’s two renewable  
16 energy sites are required to integrate the increased renewable energy into the Ramea electrical  
17 system and the diesel generating station; and  
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19 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that Hydro will also integrate Puffin’s sites with the control  
20 system at the diesel generating station; and  
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22 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that the project will allow for increased wind penetration in  
23 Ramea and reduce the amount of fuel consumed at the diesel generating station by displacing  
24 it with renewable energy; and  
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26 **WHEREAS** the Application noted that Puffin will be responsible for the ongoing costs associated  
27 with the operation and maintenance of the interconnection, and related sustaining capital; and  
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29 **WHEREAS** the Application was copied to: Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”);  
30 the Consumer Advocate, Dennis Browne, KC; a group of Island Industrial Customers: Corner  
31 Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, Braya Renewable Fuels (Newfoundland) GP Inc., and Vale  
32 Newfoundland and Labrador Limited; and the communities of Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose  
33 Bay, Wabush, and Labrador City; and  
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35 **WHEREAS** on February 10, 2025 Newfoundland Power advised that they had no comments on  
36 the Application and no other comments were received; and  
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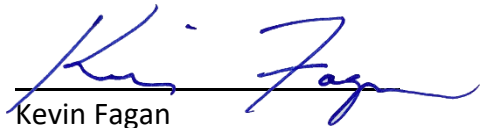
38 **WHEREAS** on February 11, 2025 Hydro noted that no comments were received and asked that  
39 the Board approve the Application as filed; and  
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41 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the proposed supplemental capital expenditure, to be  
42 recovered from Puffin, for the acquisition and installation of upgrades to the diesel station and  
43 distribution system to facilitate and accommodate an updated renewable energy system in  
44 Ramea will allow for the provision of safe and reliable service to Ramea and reduce the amount  
45 of fuel consumed at the diesel generating station by displacing it with renewable energy.

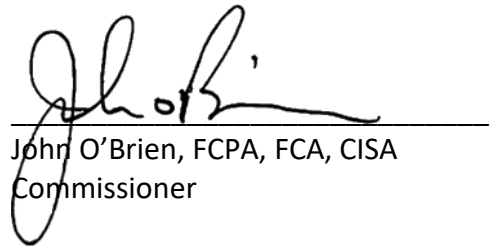
1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**  
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- 3 1. The proposed capital expenditure in the amount of \$1,278,000 for the acquisition and  
4 installation of upgrades to the diesel station and distribution system to facilitate and  
5 accommodate an updated renewable energy system in Ramea is approved.  
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7 2. The recovery of the associated costs of the capital expenditure through a charge of  
8 \$1,278,000 plus HST to Puffin Wind Inc., as supported by the Agreement filed with the  
9 Application, is approved.  
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11 3. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 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