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### Via Email & Courier

Ms. G. Cheryl Blundon Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities 120 Torbay Road P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: Newfoundland Power Inc.
Application for an Order approving the 2011 Capital Budget Application

Enclosed please find one (1) original and eight (8) copies of the Consumer Advocate's Notice of Intervention in respect of the above noted matter.

We trust the foregoing is found to be in order.

Yours very truly,

O'DEA, EARLE

THOMAS JOHNSON

TJ/cel encl.

cc:

Mr. Gerard Hayes

Senior Counsel for Newfoundland Power Inc.

Mr. Geoffrey P. Young

Senior Counsel for Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act,* R.S.N.L., c.P-47 (the "Act")

And

IN THE MATTER OF capital expenditures and rate base of Newfoundland Power Inc.;

And

IN THE MATTER OF an Application by Newfoundland Power Inc. for an order pursuant to Sections 41 and 78 of the Act:

- (a) approving its 2011 Capital Budget of \$72,969,000; and
- (b) fixing and determining its 2009 rate base at \$848,493,000

**TO**: The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board")

#### INTERVENOR'S SUBMISSION

#### General

1. The Consumer Advocate wishes to intervene in the Application.

#### Interests of the Consumer Advocate

2. The Consumer Advocate represents the interests of domestic and general electricity customer of both utilities operating in the Province and therefore has an interest in Newfoundland Power's proposed capital expenditures for 2011.

# Disposition Advocated by the Consumer Advocate

3. It would be premature for the Consumer Advocate to advocate a particular disposition of the Application at this time as the Consumer Advocate's review of the

Application is continuing at this time.

## Facts and Reasons Supporting Intervention

4. The reason for the Consumer Advocate's intervention is to receive and consider materials filed in support of the Application so as to be in a position to assess whether the record before the Board indicates that Newfoundland Power's proposed capital expenditures for 2011 are reasonably necessary for Newfoundland Power to meet its obligations to provide electrical service as required by the Act.

## Participation of the Consumer Advocate

5. In light of the Consumer Advocate's ongoing review of the Application, the Consumer Advocate cannot state at this time whether or not he shall present evidence in relation to the Application. The Consumer Advocate may wish to participate in technical conferences, file requests for information and to avail of the right to cross-examine witnesses or to submit argument at a public hearing of the Application, all as the circumstances may require.

**DATED** at St. John's, in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2010.

THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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