

1 **IN THE MATTER OF**
2 the *Electrical Power Control Act*, RSNL 1994,
3 Chapter E-5.1 (the “*EPCA*”) and the
4 *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990,
5 Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended;

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8 **AND**
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11 **IN THE MATTER OF**
12 an Application by Newfoundland Power Inc.,
13 (“Newfoundland Power”) for an Order pursuant
14 to Section 48 of the *Act*, and all other enabling
15 powers for approval of the sale by Newfoundland
16 Power to Bell Aliant Regional Communications
17 Inc. (“Bell Aliant”) of certain utility poles, anchors
18 and Related Equipment (“Support Structures”).
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**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

PUB-NP-1 to PUB-NP-12

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1 **PUB-NP-1**

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3 What customers of Newfoundland Power will be impacted by the proposed sale of
4 poles to Bell Aliant, as outlined in the current application?

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8 What parties that have, or plan to have, attachments to the joint use poles will be
9 impacted by the proposed sale of poles to Bell Aliant, as outlined in the current
10 application?

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12 **PUB-NP -3**

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14 In advance of the determination of which specific poles will be sold, is it possible to
15 determine the individual impacts on individual Newfoundland Power customers and
16 on the parties using attachments to the joint use poles of this proposed sale of poles?

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20 Is it possible that there will be differing impacts on Newfoundland Power's customers
21 and on the parties using attachments to the joint use poles depending on the particular
22 poles sold?

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26 Is it possible to amend the agreement, and what factors would be considered, to allow
27 for a delay in the finalization of the agreement and resulting application until the pole
28 count survey has been completed?

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32 What would be the consequences of a delay in the application until the number and
33 location of the poles to be transferred has been clearly determined?

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37 Please provide a detailed scope of the pole count survey setting out the information
38 which will be gathered from the completed survey.

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Upon completion of the pole count survey, what will be the factors considered in determining which poles will be transferred to Bell Aliant?

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Are there factors, other than the information which will be gathered from the pole count survey, which will be considered in determining which poles will be transferred to Bell Aliant?

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In advance of the completion of the pole count survey, can Newfoundland Power provide any information on the poles that will be purchased by Bell Aliant i.e. location, number, condition, age, etc?

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Will Bell Aliant be a public utility for purposes of the *Act* after the sale? Explain.

PUB-NP -12

Section 14 – Joint Use Pole Records of the Administration Practices provides for appropriate adjustments to maintain the proper ownership ratio. Does Newfoundland Power intend to seek approval of the Board for any future adjustments?

DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland this 18th day of February 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Per Cheryl Blundon
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Board Secretary