

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power Control Act*, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the "*EPCA*") and the matter of the *Public Utilities Act* RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*");

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** capital expenditures and rate base of Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power");

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF** an application by Newfoundland Power for an Order of the Board pursuant to Sections 41 and 78 of the *Act*, approving:

- (a) its 2013 Capital Budget of \$80,788,000;
- (b) approving certain capital expenditures related to multi-year projects commencing in 2013; and
- (c) fixing and determining its average rate base for 2011 in the amount of \$876,356,000.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD  
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

**PUB-NP-1 to PUB-NP-9**

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1 **Facility Rehabilitation (Pooled): \$1,400,000, Schedule B, pg. 2 of 93 and section 1.1, pg. 3 -**  
2 **Three Island Pond Spillway: \$305,000**

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4 **PUB-NP-1**

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6 When was the timber crib spillway and outlet constructed?

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8 **PUB-NP-2**

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10 What is the normal useful life of this type of structure?

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12 **PUB-NP-3**

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14 How does the deterioration and settlement of the foundation impact the function or safety of the  
15 structure?

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18 **Hydro Plant Production Increase (Clustered): \$1,128,000, Schedule B, pg. 4 of 93, section**  
19 **1.3, Attachment C, pg. 1, and section 1.4, Attachment C, pg. 1**

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21 **PUB-NP-4**

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23 What is the estimated levelized cost of energy associated with the replacement of the runners at  
24 each of the New Chelsea and Pitmans Pond hydro plants, isolated from the other work proposed  
25 for each of these plants?

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28 **Extensions (Pooled): \$11,376,000, Schedule B, pg. 33 of 93**

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30 Schedule B, Table 2, pg. 34 of 93, Footnote 1, indicates that:

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32 *"An adjustment has been made to the expenditure history recognizing the impact of the sale of*  
33 *40% of joint use support structures to Bell Aliant."*

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35 Schedule B, Table 2, pg. 49 of 93, Footnote 1, indicates that:

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37 *"An adjustment has been made to the expenditure history recognizing the impact of the sale of*  
38 *40% of joint use support structures to Bell Aliant. 2009 and 2010 expenditures have been*  
39 *adjusted to reflect higher customer-driven, third party and storm related work in those years,*  
40 *converted to 2012 dollars."*

1 **PUB-NP-5**

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3 Please describe how capital expenditures relating to joint use support structures will be impacted  
4 and treated in 2013 and in future years from a regulatory perspective, with regard to section 41 of  
5 the *Public Utilities Act*.

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7 **PUB-NP-6**

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9 Please describe how the recovery of costs from Bell Aliant with regard to joint use support  
10 structures will be dealt with in the regulated accounts of Newfoundland Power with regard to  
11 section 41 of the *Public Utilities Act*.

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13 **PUB-NP-7**

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15 Please provide the details and the rationale for the adjustment that has been made to the capital  
16 expenditure history from 2008 to 2011 shown in Table 2, pg. 34 of Schedule B.

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18 **PUB-NP-8**

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20 Please provide the details and the rationale for the adjustment that has been made to the capital  
21 expenditure history from 2008 to 2012F shown in Table 2, pg. 49 of Schedule B.

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24 **2013 Capital Plan**

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26 In the 2013 Capital Plan, pg. 1, Newfoundland Power mentions the low level of pole replacement  
27 and the assessment that

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29 *“...will consider whether replacement of the oldest and most deteriorated poles through a multi-  
30 year program is necessary to ensure continued stability and predictability in capital expenditures  
31 over the long-term.”*

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33 In Tab 4.1, Distribution Reliability Initiative, pg. 1, Newfoundland Power states that no work is  
34 required under the Distribution Reliability Initiative at this time, and that no work was  
35 undertaken in 2012. Newfoundland Power states, on pg. 16 of the 2013 Capital Plan, that:

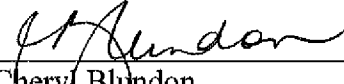
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37 *“Newfoundland Power considers current levels of service reliability to be satisfactory...capital  
38 expenditures in the Distribution Reliability Initiative project have been reduced compared to  
39 previous years.”*

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41 **PUB-NP-9**

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43 What is the scheduled completion date of the assessment of Newfoundland Power's distribution  
44 pole replacement practices?

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

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Cheryl Blundon  
Board Secretary