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Attention: G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Newfoundland Power Inc. 2008 GRA

In accordance with the procedural rules set by the Board on 12 June, 2007 we enclose one original and eight copies of the Consumer Advocate's Requests for Information of the Board's Financial Consultants numbered CA-PUB-1 to CA-PUB-4.


As of this date, a copy has also been sent to Newfoundland Power Inc. and to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro.

In addition, an electronic version of this document will be provided to the Board and to the aforesaid parties today.

Should you have any questions or comments in relation to the above, please feel free to contact me.

Yours very truly,

O'DEA, EARLE


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cc: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

Attention: Mr. Geoff Young

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IN THE MATTER OF the Public Utilities Act, R.S.N.L. 1990, Chapter P-47, as amended, (the “Act”); and

IN THE MATTER OF a general rate application (the “Application”) by Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) to establish customer electricity rates for 2008.

CONSUMER ADVOCATE
INFORMATION REQUESTS FOR THE BOARD’S FINANCIAL CONSULTANT

To:
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CA PUB 1 For the record, please provide copies of the Annual Reports prepared by Grant Thornton for the Board in respect of Newfoundland Power Inc. for the years 2002 to 2006.

CA PUB 2 Does the Board’s Financial Advisors have any comments upon Newfoundland Power’s responses to PUB-NP-1 to PUB-NP-6, as appropriate, in relation to the accounting matters referenced therein?

CA PUB 3 Reference July 27, 2007 Financial Consultants Report - page 25 at lines 8 - 9; the Board’s Financial Consultant states that from 2002 to 2006 actual interest coverage has been declining from 2.66 in 2002 to 2.28 in 2006. Can the Financial Consultant please comment on the extent to which the decline in credit metrics reported at page 25 was attributable to reduced recovery of depreciation costs during a part of this period (as referred to at page 3 of Section 1 of the Company’s evidence).

CA PUB 4 Refer p.28 of the July 27, 2007 Financial Consultants Report; what implications does the Board’s Financial Consultant identify arising out of Newfoundland Power’s consistent pattern of going over budget on capital expenditures over the period 2002 to 2007 as we go into a 2008 a test year in this General Rate Application.

DATED at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 10th day of August, 2007.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Johnson".

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