P.U. 11 (2003)

IN THE MATTER OF the PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT,

R.S.N. 1990, c. P-47, as amended (the "Act")

**AND** 

IN THE MATTER OF the application by Newfoundland Power Inc. (the "Applicant") for approval of a contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") for a line extension to serve seasonal customers (the "Customers") pursuant to section 41(5) of the Act.

**WHEREAS** the Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility within the meaning of the Act, and is also subject to the provisions of the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994*; and

**WHEREAS** the Customers consist of four (4) Seasonal Customers whose residences are located at Lower Bread and Cheese Cove near the community of Loon Bay; and

WHEREAS the Customers have requested that the Applicant provide their residences at Lower Bread and Cheese Cove with single-phase electrical service which, in order to so provide, requires the Applicant to utilize 162 metres of an existing single-phase line, for which a CIAC was paid within the last ten years (the "Existing Line"), and to construct a further 618 metres of single-phase line (the "Extension"); and

**WHEREAS** the Extension will not be jointly used by the Applicant and Aliant Telecom Inc.; and

WHEREAS a CIAC for the Extension has been calculated in accordance with Clauses 5(b) and 5(c) of the CIAC Policy: Distribution Line Extensions to Residential and Seasonal Residential Customers approved by Order No. P.U. 7 (1997-98) dated September 30, 1997 (the "Policy") and the CIAC thus calculated is Five thousand seven hundred twenty dollars and thirteen cents (\$5,720.13), including HST, for each Seasonal Customer; and

WHEREAS the CIAC calculation includes a portion of the costs of the Existing Line; and

**WHEREAS** Clause 12(c) of the Policy states that all CIACs for Main Line extensions for primarily seasonal residential customers be submitted to the Board for approval; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure that the Applicant's investment in the Extension is compensatory over the useful life of the Extension and will not be to the detriment of the Applicant's other customers; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed expenditures on the Extension are necessary for the Applicant to provide service and facilities to the Customers which are reasonably safe and adequate and just and reasonable as required pursuant to s. 37 of the Act.

## **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

Pursuant to Section 41(5) of the Act, the Board approves the contribution in aid of construction in the amount of Five thousand seven hundred twenty dollars and thirteen cents (\$5,720.13), including HST, for each Seasonal Customer, as calculated under the Policy.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

Robert Noseworthy, Chair & Chief Executive Officer.

G. Fred Saunders, Commissioner.

G. Cheryl Blundon, Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary.