P.U. 12 (2003)

IN THE MATTER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT, R.S.N.1990, c. P-47, as amended (the "*Act*")

<u>AND</u>

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ex Parte* application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") for the approval, pursuant to Section 41 (3) of the *Act*, to proceed with the construction and purchase of certain improvements to its property.

WHEREAS the Applicant is a corporation continued and existing under the Hydro Corporation Act,

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 Section 41 (3) of the Act requires that a public utility shall not proceed with the

construction, purchase or lease of improvements or additions to its property where:

- a) the cost of the construction or purchase is in excess of \$50,000; or
- b) the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease

without the prior approval of the Board; and

WHEREAS by Order Nos. P. U. 29 (2002-2003) and P. U. 3 (2003) certain capital projects of the

Applicant were approved for 2003 and set out in those Orders; and

WHEREAS by Application dated March 28, 2003 the Applicant has requested approval of the Board for the capital expenditure of \$138,000 for the additional fuel storage at the diesel generating facility in Rigolet; and

WHEREAS the Board has considered the Applicant's request for approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Pursuant to Section 41 (3) of the *Act*, the Board approves the supplementary 2003 capital expenditure of \$138,000 for the addition of self-dyked fuel storage at the diesel generating facility in Rigolet as set out in Schedule A to the Application.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 30 day of April 2003.

Robert Noseworthy, Chair and Chief Executive Officer.

G. Fred Saunders, Commissioner.

G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary.