P.U. 30 (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 ("the Applicant") for approval of the lease of office space to support its 2003 General Rate Application ("GRA") pursuant to Section 41 of the Act.

**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** Paragraph 41 (3)(a) of the *Act* requires the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board") to approve the lease of improvements or additions to a utility's property where the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease; and

WHEREAS the Applicant has filed a GRA with the Board which hearing will be held in the Board's Hearing Room in the Prince Charles Building on Torbay Road in St. John's commencing with Motions and Technical Conferences in September and continuing with hearings on the Application through the following months; and

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WHEREAS to facilitate the timely provision of information to be provided and referred to in the

hearing process, the Applicant has by Application dated July 29, 2003 requested approval for the

lease of office space for a six month period in the Prince Charles Building, at a rental rate of \$2,600

per month, plus HST, which amount includes tenant improvements to be provided by the landlord;

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 Applicant's proposed six-

month lease of office space in the Prince Charles Building for the amount of \$2,600 per month, plus

HST.

**Dated** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.,

Vice-Chair.

G. Fred Saunders,

Commissioner.

G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary.

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