

P. U. 28(2007)

IN THE MATTER OF the *Electrical Power Control Act*, RSNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “*EPCA*”) and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”) as amended, and their subordinate regulations;

AND IN THE MATTER OF a General Rate Application by Newfoundland Power Inc. to establish customer electricity rates for 2008.

BEFORE:

Robert Noseworthy
Chair and Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chairperson

ORDER

1 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power Inc. (“NP”), filed an application with the Board of
2 Commissioners of Public Utilities (“the Board”) on May 10, 2007 for approval of, among other
3 things, proposed rates for the various customers of NP, effective January 1, 2008 (the
4 “Application”); and
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6 **WHEREAS** Notice of the Application and Pre-hearing Conference was published in newspapers
7 throughout Newfoundland and Labrador beginning on May 19, 2007; and
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9 **WHEREAS** on June 12, 2007 a Pre-hearing Conference was held in the Board’s Hearing Room, 2nd
10 Floor, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John’s; and
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12 **WHEREAS** on June 22, 2007 the Board issued P.U. Order No.17 (2007), among other things,
13 establishing a schedule of dates for the proceeding including the deadline for the filing of settlement
14 agreements, issues lists and the date for the start of the hearing of evidence October 16, 2007; and
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16 **WHEREAS** on September 20, 2007 the Board appointed facilitator wrote the Board to advise that
17 the parties were still actively negotiating certain issues and were optimistic that an agreement would
18 be reached which would be filed on or before October 12, 2007; and
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20 **WHEREAS** on October 2, 2007 the Board appointed facilitator wrote the Board to advise that
21 settlement negotiations continue and requested that the previously established requirement to file
22 separate issues lists be rescinded and replaced with a requirement to file an issues list as part of the
23 settlement agreement; and
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25 **WHEREAS** the Board has determined that to ensure full and effective consideration of the issues in
26 the proceeding the parties may file an issues list as part of a settlement agreement on or before
27 October 12, 2007 and further that the hearing of the evidence will begin on October 22, 2007.
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30 **THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**
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- 32 1. The remaining schedule of dates for the proceeding will be as set out in Appendix “A”,
33 unless otherwise determined by the Board.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 5th day of October 2007.

Robert Noseworthy
Chair & Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chairperson

G. Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary.

Schedule of Dates

The following dates are set, unless otherwise determined by the Board:

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- Oct. 12 (Friday) Last day for the filing of a settlement agreement/issues list
- Oct. 18 (Thursday) Final deadline for filing outstanding information
- Oct. 22 (Monday) Hearing of evidence begins at 10 am