

**NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES**

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P. U. 18(2009)

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

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6 **AND**

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8 **IN THE MATTER OF** an Application by
9 Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland
10 Power”) for consent to abandon a part of its
11 distribution line pursuant to Section 38 of
12 the *Act* (the “Application”).

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15 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the
16 Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*, and is
17 also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and

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19 **WHEREAS** pursuant to Order No. P. U. 12 (2001-1002), dated July 26, 2001, the Board approved
20 capital projects to improve service reliability for customers in the towns from Point May to Lawn
21 and surrounding areas (the “Area”) including the construction of a new substation near the
22 community of Lawn and rebuilding portions of the distribution feeder serving the Area (Laurentian-
23 02); and

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25 **WHEREAS** the rebuilt portion of Laurentian-02 has replaced a twelve-kilometre section of the
26 Laurentian-02 feeder running between St. Lawrence and Lawn (the “Line”); and

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28 **WHEREAS** with the completion of this work, Newfoundland Power has de-energized the Line and
29 has now applied to decommission it as it is no longer useful; and

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31 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power states that removal of the Line from service will not adversely
32 affect the reliability of service provided by Newfoundland Power in its service territory, nor will it
33 impair the ability of Newfoundland Power to provide electrical supply in its service territory as
34 required by section 54 of the *Act*; and

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36 **WHEREAS** Section 38 of the *Act* provides that the written consent of the Board to abandon part of
37 a line shall only be given after notice is provided to an incorporated municipal body interested; and

1 **WHEREAS** all of the incorporated municipal bodies in the Area have been provided with notice of
2 the Application and none of those incorporated municipal bodies have objected to Newfoundland
3 Power's proposal to remove the Line from service.

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5 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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7 1. Pursuant to Section 38 of the *Act*, the Board approves and consents to removal of the Line as
8 proposed in the Application,
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10 2. Newfoundland Power shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board in connection with this
11 Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 6th day of May 2009.

Andy Wells
Chair & Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chair

Dwanda Newman, LL.B
Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary