

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

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD
NO. P. U. 4(2009)**

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

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7 **AND**
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9 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application
10 by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”)
11 for approval of the replacement of the power
12 transformer at the Wiltondale terminal
13 station (the “Application”) pursuant to
14 Section 41(e) of the *Act*.

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17 **WHEREAS** Hydro is a corporation continued and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act*, is a
18 public utility within the meaning of the *Act* and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and

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20 **WHEREAS** Section 41(3) of the *Act* requires that a public utility shall not proceed with the
21 construction, purchase or lease of improvements or additions to its property where:

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23 (a) the cost of construction or purchase is in excess of \$50,000; or

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25 (b) the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease,

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27 without prior approval of the Board; and
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29 **WHEREAS** Hydro owns and maintains a terminal station in Wiltondale that contains a transformer
30 that steps down the voltage from the 66 kV transmission level to 12.5 kV for distribution of power of
31 the 48 Hydro customers in Wiltondale; and
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33 **WHEREAS** on July 9, 2008 it became apparent that there were problems with the transformer; and
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35 **WHEREAS** the evaluation of alternatives concluded that the conversion of the Wiltondale terminal
36 station to 25 kV distribution voltage and the installation of a replacement transformer provided the
37 most cost effective and timely solution; and

1 **WHEREAS** on December 23, 2008 Hydro applied to the Board requesting approval of the
2 replacement of the power transformer at the Wiltondale terminal station; and
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4 **WHEREAS** the Board has read and considered the Application for approval of the purchase
5 including the report filed therewith.
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7 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 10 1. The capital expenditure of \$351,000 for the replacement of the power transformer at the
11 Wiltondale terminal station is approved.
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13 2. Hydro shall pay the expenses of the Board incurred in connection with this Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 27th day of January 2009.

Andrew Wells
Chair & Chief Executive Officer

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chair

Dwanda Newman, LL.B.
Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary