

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P. U. 14(2011)

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

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6 **AND**

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8 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application
9 by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
10 pursuant to Section 70(1) of the *Act*, for
11 the approval of Optional Seasonal Rates.

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14 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is a corporation continued
15 and existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the
16 meaning of the *Act* and is subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and

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18 **WHEREAS** on June 9, 2011 Hydro filed an application (the “Application”) seeking the
19 approval of the Optional Seasonal Rate for its Island Interconnected customers and for
20 customers served from the L’Anse au Loup System and for Isolated Diesel (Non-
21 Government, First Block) customers; and

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23 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”), in consultation with
24 the Consumer Advocate and Hydro, conducted a review of its Domestic and General
25 Service rates, in accordance with a settlement agreement filed in Newfoundland Power’s
26 2008 general rate application, and Order Nos. P. U. 32(2007), and P. U. 43(2009) (the
27 “Retail Rate Review”); and

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29 **WHEREAS** on March 15, 2011, following the completion of the Retail Rate Review,
30 Newfoundland Power submitted an application proposing to implement an optional
31 seasonal rate for Domestic customers, effective July 1, 2011 (the “Optional Seasonal
32 Rate”) and to conduct a study to evaluate time-of-day rates over a two-year period (the
33 “TOD Rate Study”); and

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35 **WHEREAS** by Order No. P. U. 8(2011) the Board approved the Optional Seasonal Rate
36 effective July 1, 2011; the Optional Seasonal Rate Revenue and Cost Recovery Account;

1 and supplementary 2011 capital expenditures of \$125,000 to facilitate implementation of
2 the Optional Seasonal Rate as proposed by Newfoundland Power; and
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4 **WHEREAS** by Order No. P. U. 14 (2007) the Board approved Hydro's revisions to the
5 Rules and Regulations which includes Policies for Automatic Rate Changes (Section 16)
6 so that as Newfoundland Power changes its rates, Hydro will automatically adjust certain
7 rates for the Island Interconnected, L'Anse au Loup, and Isolated customers; and
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9 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the Optional Seasonal Rate proposed is consistent
10 with that approved in Order No. P. U. 8(2011) for Newfoundland Power.
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12 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 14 1. The Optional Seasonal Rate, as set out in Schedule A to this Order, to be
15 effective July 1, 2011, is approved.
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17 2. Hydro shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board in connection with this
18 matter.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 28th day of June 2011.

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.
Vice-Chair

James Oxford
Commissioner

Barbara Thistle
Assistant Board Secretary

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

RATE No. 1.1S

DOMESTIC - OPTIONAL

Availability:

Available upon request for Service to Customers served under Rate 1.1 Domestic Service who have a minimum of 12 months of uninterrupted billing history at their current Serviced Premises.

Rate: (Includes Municipal Tax and Rate Stabilization Adjustments)

The Energy Charges provided for in Rate 1.1 Domestic Service Rate shall apply, subject to the following adjustments:

Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of December through April):

All kilowatt-hours @ 0.953¢ per kWh

Non-Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of May through November):

All kilowatt-hours @ (1.297)¢ per kWh

Special Conditions:

1. An application for Service under this rate option shall constitute a binding contract between the Customer and the Company with an initial term of 12 months commencing the day after the first meter reading date following the request by the customer, and renewing automatically on the anniversary date thereof for successive 12-month terms.
2. To terminate participation on this rate option on the renewal date, the Customer must notify the Company either in advance of the renewal date or no later than 60 days after the anniversary/renewal date. When acceptable notice of termination is provided to the Company, the Customer's billing may require an adjustment to reverse any seasonal adjustments applied to charges for consumption after the automatic renewal date.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

RATE No. 1.2DS

DOMESTIC DIESEL (Non-Government First Block) - OPTIONAL

Availability:

For all the Island and Labrador diesel service areas of Hydro (excluding Government Departments) , available upon request for Service to Customers served under Rate 1.2 Domestic Diesel Service (First Block consumption only) who have a minimum of 12 months of uninterrupted billing history at their current Serviced Premises.

Rate:

The Energy Charges provided for in Rate 1.2D Domestic Diesel Service Rate shall apply, subject to the following adjustments:

Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of December through April):

First Block Only
All kilowatt-hours @ 0.953¢ per kWh

Non-Winter Season Premium Adjustment (Billing months of May through November):

First Block Only
All kilowatt-hours @ (1.297)¢ per kWh

Special Conditions:

1. An application for Service under this rate option shall constitute a binding contract between the Customer and the Company with an initial term of 12 months commencing the day after the first meter reading date following the request by the customer, and renewing automatically on the anniversary date thereof for successive 12-month terms.
2. To terminate participation on this rate option on the renewal date, the Customer must notify the Company either in advance of the renewal date or no later than 60 days after the anniversary/renewal date. When acceptable notice of termination is provided to the Company, the Customer's billing may require an adjustment to reverse any seasonal adjustments applied to charges for consumption after the automatic renewal date.