

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

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**NO. P.U. 27(2015)**

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*"), as amended, and regulations  
5 thereunder; and  
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval  
9 to replace the Rectifier Transformers on Units 1  
10 and 2 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station  
11 pursuant to Section 41 of the *Act*.  
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14 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued and  
15 existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the meaning of the  
16 *Act*, and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and  
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18 **WHEREAS** Subsection 41(3) of the *Act* requires that a public utility not proceed with the  
19 construction, purchase or lease of improvements or additions to its property where:  
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- 21 a) the cost of construction or purchase is in excess of \$50,000; or  
22 b) the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease, without prior approval  
23 of the Board; and  
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25 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 50 (2014) the Board approved Hydro's 2015 Capital Budget in  
26 the amount of \$76,832,900; and  
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28 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 24(2015) the Board approved a supplementary 2015 capital  
29 expenditure in the amount of \$1,536,300 to purchase critical spares for Hydro's Generating  
30 Stations; and  
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32 **WHEREAS** on August 13, 2015 Hydro applied to the Board for approval to replace the  
33 rectifier transformers on Units 1 and 2 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station; and  
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35 **WHEREAS** the Application states that a condition assessment of the rectifier transformers on  
36 Units 1 and 2 indicates that they have reached the end of their useful service life and are at risk  
37 of failure and must be replaced as they are critical to the operation of the units; and

1 **WHEREAS** the Application was copied to: Newfoundland Power Inc.; the Consumer  
2 Advocate, Mr. Thomas Johnson; Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited; NARL Refining  
3 Limited Partnership and Teck Resources Limited; Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited  
4 and Praxair Canada Inc.; and

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6 **WHEREAS** the Board did not receive any comments or submissions on the Application; and

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8 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the 2015 supplemental capital expenditure to replace  
9 the rectifier transformers on Units 1 and 2 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station is  
10 necessary to allow Hydro to provide service and facilities which are reasonably safe and  
11 adequate and just and reasonable.

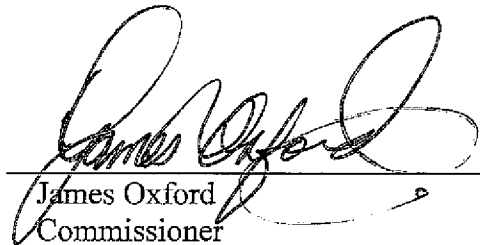
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14 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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16 1. The proposed capital expenditure of \$756,200 to replace the rectifier transformers on  
17 Units 1 and 2 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station is approved.  
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19 2. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.


**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.



Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.  
Vice-Chair



James Oxford  
Commissioner

  
Cheryl Blundon  
Board Secretary