



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF HEARING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC. 2004 CAPITAL BUDGET APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that on July 25, 2003 the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the “Board”) received an application (“the Application”) from Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) requesting an Order of the Board pursuant to Sections 41 and 78 of the *Public Utilities Act* (the “Act”):

- 1) Approving the purchase and construction in 2004 of improvements and additions to Newfoundland Power’s property, including approval of its 2004 Capital Budget in the amount of \$ 53,909,000; and
- 2) Fixing and determining Newfoundland Power’s average rate base for 2002 in the amount of \$ 573,337,000.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all customers of Newfoundland Power as well as customers of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro whose rates are based on the rate schedules of Newfoundland Power may be affected by the outcome of the Application.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing of the Application will take place in the Board’s Hearing Room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John’s, beginning at **9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, September 10, 2003.**

HOW TO SEE THE APPLICATION:

Copies of the application and documentation filed to date are available as follows:

- i) On the Board’s website at www.pub.nf.ca;
- ii) By request to the Board Secretary at the address below; and

iii) At Newfoundland Power's regional offices throughout the Province.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:

Any interested person or organization can participate in the hearing in one of three ways, as follows:

- 1) **Intervenor Submission** - Any person wishing to be made a party to the hearing must apply by way of an Intervenor's Submission to the Board, as set out in Section 9 of *Newfoundland Regulation 39/96* ("the Regulations"). This submission should concisely state the interest such person has in the Application, the facts and reasons which will be entered as evidence (together with any supporting documentation) and the disposition of the proceedings which the Intervenor advocates. All Intervenor Submissions must be received by the Board by **3:00 P. M. on Monday, August 18, 2003**.
- 2) **Oral Presentation** - Any person or organization who does not wish to formally intervene in the Application and thereby become a party in the proceeding, but who wishes to make a presentation to the Board, may request the opportunity to make an Oral Presentation. Persons or organizations interested in making an Oral Presentation must write to the Board outlining their interest in the proceeding, along with their address and telephone number, by **3:00 P. M. on Tuesday, September 9, 2003**.
- 3) **Letter of Comment** - Any interested person or organization who does not wish to intervene or make an Oral Presentation may file a Letter of Comment for the consideration of the Board by **the last day of the Hearing**. All Letters of Comment must clearly state the person's interest in the proceeding, and the person's views regarding the proceeding, together with any relevant information that may be useful in explaining or supporting those views.

The following timetable has been set for the filing of documentation:

FILING

- 1. Intervenor's submissions**
- 2. Pre-filed Evidence**
- 3. Requests for Information**
- 4. Responses to Information Requests**
- 5. Requests to make an Oral Presentation**
- 6. Letters of Comment**

DEADLINES FOR FILING:

- 3:00 p.m., Monday, August 18, 2003**
- 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 22, 2003**
- 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2003**
- 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 5, 2003**
- 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2003**
- The last day of the Hearing**

HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD

All correspondence and requests for further information should be addressed to the Board Secretary at the address set out below. The Board encourages the electronic filing of documents and the Board's Information Technology Officer is available to support this type of filing at 709-726-1158; toll free 1-866-782-0006; or by e-mail at: ito@pub.nf.ca

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Copies of the Board's legislation and regulations are available for viewing on the Board's website at www.pub.nf.ca or at the Board's office.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 1st day of August 2003.

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary