



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
&
HEARING**

**AN APPLICATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC.
FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2003 CAPITAL BUDGET**

TAKE NOTICE that the Board has received an application (“the Application”) from Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) requesting, among other things, an order of the Board:

- 1) Approving the purchase and construction in 2003 of improvements and additions to Newfoundland Power’s property, including approval of its 2003 Capital Budget in the amount of \$55,790,000; and
- 2) Fixing and determining Newfoundland Power’s average rate base for 2001 in the amount of \$545,162,000.

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, November 13, 2002.**

HOW TO SEE THE APPLICATION

Copies of the Application are available for public viewing at the offices of the Board between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or upon request from the Board Secretary at (709) 726-8600 or on the Board's website at www.pub.nf.ca. A copy of the Application can also be viewed at any of Newfoundland Power's regional offices located throughout the Province.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The Application will be heard in accordance with the procedures established by the Board, and as set out in *Newfoundland Regulation 39/96* ("the Regulations") with respect to the filing of evidence, requests for information, and other matters. An interested person or organization can participate in the Application in one of the following three ways:

- 1) **Intervenor Submission** - Any person wishing to be made a party to the hearing must apply to the Board by way of an Intervenor's Submission, by **4:00 P. M. on Wednesday, October 30, 2002**. As set out in section 9 of the Regulations, the submission shall:
 - a) be signed or executed by the intervenor or an agent for the intervenor;
 - b) contain a concise statement of :
 - i) the intervenor's interest in the matter,
 - ii) the disposition of the proceedings which the intervenor advocates, if any,
 - iii) the facts the intervenor proposes to show in evidence,
 - iv) the reasons why the intervenor believes the Board should decide in the manner advocated,
 - v) the qualification of expert witnesses, if any, whose opinions are to be relied upon, and
 - vi) a list of that information and support documents that may be useful in explaining the intervenor's representation;
 - c) if the intervenor proposes to confine the representation to the cross examination of an argument at the public hearing, so state; and
 - d) be endorsed with the name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the intervenor or the intervenor's agent to whom communication may be sent.

- 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 **4:00 P. M. on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.**
- 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 closing 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

MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE

1. Intervenors' submissions

and supporting documentation

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 30, 2002

2. Information Requests

4:00 p.m., Friday, November 1, 2002

3. Responses to Information Requests

4:00 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2002

4. Requests to make an Oral Presentation

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, 2002

5. Letters of Comment

The closing 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, Mr. Mike McNiven, 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

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.

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Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 21st day of October 2002.

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary