

**P.U. 1 (2003)**

**PROCEDURAL ORDER  
AMENDMENT TO P.U. 34 (2002-2003)  
WHICH AMENDED P.U. 27 (2002-2003)**

**IN THE MATTER OF** the *Public Utilities Act*  
R.S.N. 1990, Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*");

**AND IN THE MATTER OF** a General Rate  
Application (the "Application") by Newfoundland  
Power Inc. filed pursuant to Order No. P. U. 22  
(2002-2003)

**BEFORE:**

**Robert Noseworthy**  
**Chair and Chief Executive Officer**

**Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.**  
**Vice-Chair**

**AMENDED PROCEDURAL ORDER**

**WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power Inc. (“NP”), pursuant to Order No. P.U. 22 (2002-2003) filed an application with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“the Board”) on October 11, 2002 for an Order or Orders of the Board approving, among other things, the proposed rates for the various customers of NP, to be effective May 1, 2003; and

**WHEREAS** Notice of the Application and Pre-hearing Conference was published in newspapers throughout Newfoundland and Labrador beginning on October 19, 2002 and the pre-hearing conference was held in the Board’s Hearing Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John’s; and

**WHEREAS** the Board issued Order No. P.U. 27 (2002-2003) which sets out a Schedule of Dates and the Order of Witnesses for the hearing of the Application; which was further amended as set out in Order No. P.U. 34 (2002-2003); and

**WHEREAS** on January 7, 2003 NP filed an application with the Board to modify Order No. P.U. 34 (2002-2003) by adjusting the Schedule of Dates to extend the filing date for its responses to the Requests for Information to January 27, 2003 and to postpone the commencement of the hearing to March 3, 2003; and

**WHEREAS** upon hearing the motion on January 10, 2003 the Board rendered an oral decision extending the date for the filing of responses by NP to Requests for Information from January 13, 2003 to January 27, 2003; and

**WHEREAS** the Board reserved its decision on NP’s request to postpone the start of the hearing to March 3, 2003; and

**WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the postponement of the start date of the hearing from February 18, 2003 to March 3, 2003 as requested by NP is reasonable and justified in the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS** the delay in the start of the hearing will result in necessary changes to the Schedule of

Dates and may also impact on the Order of Witnesses as outlined in Order No. P.U. 27 (2002-2003).

**WHEREAS** the schedule for the hearing, including the order of witnesses, will be set by the Board in advance of the start of the hearing.

**THE BOARD ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Schedule of Dates for the hearing of this Application is amended as set out in Appendix “A” – Item 2. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Revision.
2. The Order of Witnesses as set out in Order No. P.U. 27 (2002-2003) Appendix “A” – Item 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Revision is rescinded.

**DATED** at St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2003.

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Robert Noseworthy,  
Chair & Chief Executive Officer.

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Darlene Whalen, P.Eng.,  
Vice-Chair

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G. Cheryl Blundon,  
Director of Corporate Services  
and Board Secretary.

**Appendix “A”-Item 2.**

**Schedule of Dates**

**The following dates are set:**

**November 2002**

Nov. 27 Counsel Conference  
Nov. 28 Motions Day

**December 2002**

Dec. 13 Requests for Information (“RFI’s”) submitted to NP by Board and Hydro  
Dec. 18 RFI’s submitted to NP by CA  
Dec. 18 Counsel Conference  
Dec. 19 Motions Day

**January 2003**

Jan. 13 NP files Issues list  
Jan. 27 Responses to RFI’s filed by NP

**February 2003**

Feb. 4 Expert Reports and Pre-filed testimony filed by Intervenors and Board  
Feb. 5 Intervenors file Issues list  
Feb. 5 Witness lists filed  
Feb. 11 RFI’s on Intervenor & Board Expert Reports and Pre-filed Testimony  
Feb. 12 Counsel Conference  
Feb. 13 Motions day  
Feb. 18 Intervenor & Board responses to RFI’s  
Feb. 19 Last filing date before hearing commencement, all answers to outstanding questions to be filed  
Feb. 24 & 25 Negotiation Days/Technical Conference  
Mar. 3 Hearing to commence