

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 11(2019)

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
4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended, and
5 regulations thereunder; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
8 Newfoundland Power Inc. to reduce service from
9 three-phase to single-phase on a section of
10 distribution line on the Avalon Peninsula,
11 pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*.
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14 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) is a corporation duly organized
15 and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility
16 within the meaning of the *Act*, and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and
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18 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power owns and operates distribution feeder TRP-01, a section of
19 which supplied the former Cape Race Loran-C transmitter site via a 16 kilometer, 3-phase
20 distribution line; and
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22 **WHEREAS** the transmitter site was dismantled in 2012 and Nav Canada, the only customer
23 served by this 16 kilometer section of line, requires only single-phase service; and
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25 **WHEREAS** an inspection revealed that the section of distribution feeder TRP-01 serving the
26 former Cape Race Loran-C transmitter site had hardware and electrical conductor in deteriorated
27 condition; and
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29 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power determined that the least-cost alternative to address the
30 deterioration was to reduce service on a section of the distribution line from three-phase to single-
31 phase; and
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33 **WHEREAS** on February 20, 2019 Newfoundland Power filed an application requesting approval
34 to reduce a 14.0 kilometer section of distribution feeder running between the Trepassey Substation
35 and the former Cape Race Loran - C transmitter site from three-phase to single-phase; and to
36 dismantle 2.0 kilometers of the distribution line (the “Application”); and

1 **WHEREAS** pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*, the Board must give written consent before a public
2 utility abandons a work or discontinues a service; and

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4 **WHEREAS** consent of the Board shall only be given after notice is provided to an interested
5 incorporated municipal body; and

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7 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power notified the Towns of Portugal Cove South and Trepassey (the
8 “Towns”), as well as Nav Canada of the proposed changes; and

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10 **WHEREAS** the Towns and Nav Canada advised that they do not have any concerns regarding the
11 matter; and


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13 **WHEREAS** the Application states that there are no customers of Newfoundland Power that will
14 be affected by the reduction in service from three-phase to single-phase and submitted that the
15 removal of the two de-energized phases of the 14.0 kilometer section of TRP-01 and the removal
16 of the 2.0 kilometer section from service will not adversely affect the reliability of service; and

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18 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the Application should be approved.

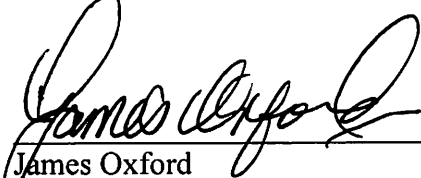
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20 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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22 1. Pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*, Newfoundland Power’s request to reduce a 14.0 kilometer
23 section of distribution feeder running between the Trepassey Substation and the former Cape
24 Race Loran - C transmitter site from three-phase to single-phase; and to dismantle 2.0
25 kilometers of the distribution line is approved.
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27 2. Newfoundland Power shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board related to this application.

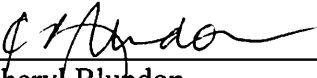
DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 19th day of March, 2019.



Darlene Whalen, P. Eng., FEC
Chair & CEO



James Oxford
Commissioner



Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary