NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 7(2022)

- 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. for approval to issue
- 9 Series AR First Mortgage Bonds pursuant to
- 10 section 91 of the *Act*.
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13 WHEREAS Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") is a corporation duly organized 14 and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility 15 within the meaning of the *Act*, and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and

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- WHEREAS on February 15, 2022 the Board received an application from Newfoundland Power
 to issue Series AR First Mortgage Bonds in an amount of up to \$100,000,000 with a term of up to
 40 years and coupon rate of up to 5.5% (the "Application"); and
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- WHEREAS pursuant to section 91 of the *Act* a public utility may not issue bonds until it has obtained approval from the Board for the proposed issue; and
- WHEREAS Newfoundland Power states that the proceeds of the bonds will be used to repay
 short-term bank indebtedness and to redeem the existing 10.125% Series AF First Mortgage Bonds
 of Newfoundland Power; and
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- WHEREAS the Application was circulated to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and the
 Consumer Advocate, Mr. Dennis Browne, Q.C.; and
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- 31 WHEREAS the Board did not receive any comments in relation to the Application; and
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- 33 WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the Application and supporting material and finds that
- 34 approval of the issue of Series AR First Mortgage Bonds in an amount of up to \$100,000,000 is in
- 35 accordance with law and for a purpose approved by the Board.

1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:** 2 3 1. Newfoundland Power's proposal to issue Series AR First Mortgage Bonds in an amount of up 4 to \$100,000,000 to repay short term indebtedness and to redeem the existing 10.125% Series 5 AF First Mortgage Bonds of Newfoundland Power is approved subject to the following 6 conditions: 7 8 a) The Series AR First Mortgage Bonds shall be issued on or before December 31, 2022. 9 10 b) Newfoundland Power shall file with the Board a report specifying the terms and conditions 11 of the bond issue within five (5) days after closing, setting out the following: 12 13 i. date of issue; 14 ii. term: 15 iii. maturity date; 16 iv. principal amount; 17 coupon rate; v. 18 particulars of sinking fund, if any; vi. 19 vii. price to public and to the underwriters; 20 viii. yield to the public; 21 underwriting fee; ix. 22 actual cost (i.e. yield) to Newfoundland Power; and x. 23 any other material terms or conditions. xi. 24 25 c) Newfoundland Power shall file with the Board a copy of the Underwriting Agreement relating to the bond issue within five (5) days after closing. 26 27 28 d) Newfoundland Power shall file with the Board a report on the disposition of the proceeds 29 no later than six months from the date of the closing.

31 2. Newfoundland Power shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 7th day of March, 2022.

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Darlene Whalen, P. Eng., FEC Chair and Chief Executive Officer

John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA Commissioner

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary

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