

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

**AN ORDER OF THE BOARD**

**NO. P.U. 30(2024)**

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the **Electrical Power**  
2 **Control Act, 1994**, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1  
3 (the “**EPCA**”) and the **Public Utilities Act**,  
4 RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “**Act**”), as  
5 amended, and regulations thereunder; and  
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by  
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval  
9 of the sale of the wind farm assets portion of the  
10 Ramea Wind-Hydrogen-Diesel Generation Project,  
11 pursuant to sections 38 and 48 of the **Act**.  
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14 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is a corporation continued and existing  
15 under the **Hydro Corporation Act, 2007**, is a public utility within the meaning of the **Act**, and is  
16 also subject to the provisions of the **EPCA**; and  
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18 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 31(2007), the Board approved the construction of a Wind-Hydrogen-  
19 Diesel System on the Town of Ramea’s isolated diesel system as a research and development  
20 project, based on the conditions that the costs of the system would be treated as non-regulated,  
21 ratepayers would not bear any of the costs related to the system and Hydro would provide  
22 quarterly reports on the status of the Wind-Hydrogen-Diesel System; and  
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24 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 10(2023), the Board approved abandonment of the hydrogen assets  
25 related to the Ramea Wind-Hydrogen-Diesel System as the hydrogen system had not been in  
26 operation since 2014 and, if steps to decommission were not taken, maintenance costs would be  
27 necessary in the future; and  
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29 **WHEREAS** on December 6, 2024 Hydro filed an application requesting approval to:

- 30 (i) sell the wind farm assets of the Wind-Hydrogen-Diesel System, including three 100  
31 kW wind turbines, to Frontier Power Systems (“Frontier”) for the sale price of  
32 \$420,000; and  
33 (ii) abandon the wind farm assets (the “Application”); and

1 **WHEREAS** the Application states that since the cessation of operations of the Wind-Hydrogen-  
2 Diesel System and the decommissioning of the hydrogen assets, Hydro has been evaluating the  
3 most cost-effective alternative for the wind farm assets; and

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5 **WHEREAS** the Application states due to maintenance issues of the wind turbines all operational  
6 activities ceased and the wind turbines have not operated since the first quarter of 2019 and  
7 capital investment is anticipated to return the turbines to operation; and

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9 **WHEREAS** the Application states Hydro considered a number of alternatives for the wind turbines  
10 and has determined that the least-cost option, with most benefit to customers, would be to sell  
11 the wind farm assets to Frontier and enter into a Power Purchase Agreement similar to its existing  
12 agreement with the purchase price for energy at 90% of the cost of diesel fuel; and

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14 **WHEREAS** the Application further states there are no known existing or potential Hydro  
15 customers impacted by the removal of these assets and there is no negative financial impact to  
16 ratepayers with respect to the decommissioning of these assets; and

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18 **WHEREAS** section 38 of the **Act** provides that written consent of the Board to abandon part of a  
19 line or works shall only be given after notice is provided to an interested incorporated municipal  
20 body; and

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22 **WHEREAS** Hydro provided written notice to the Town of Ramea of its intention to sell the wind  
23 farm assets to a local independent power producer who will incorporate those assets into their  
24 operation; and

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26 **WHEREAS** the Application was copied to: Newfoundland Power Inc.; the Consumer Advocate,  
27 Dennis Browne, KC; a group of Island Industrial customers: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited,  
28 Braya Renewable Fuels (Newfoundland) GP Inc., and Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited;  
29 Teck Resources Limited; and Linde Canada Inc.; and

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31 **WHEREAS** no comments were received; and

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33 **WHEREAS** on December 12, 2024 Hydro requested that the Board approve the Application as  
34 submitted; and

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36 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the sale of the wind farm assets of the Wind-Hydrogen-  
37 Diesel System to Frontier and the abandonment of these assets by Hydro is the most beneficial  
38 solution for customers and their sale will not adversely affect the reliability of the service  
39 provided and should be approved.

1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

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3 1. The sale of the wind farm assets of the Wind-Hydrogen-Diesel System to Frontier Power  
4 Systems for the price of \$420,000 is approved.

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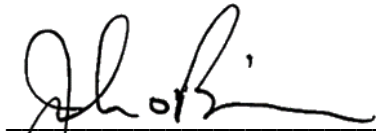
6 2. The abandonment of the wind farm assets is approved.


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8 3. Hydro shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board related to this application.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

  
Kevin Fagan  
Chair and Chief Executive Officer

  
John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA  
Commissioner

  
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