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June 7, 2013

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Prince Charles Building 120 Torbay Road, P.O. Box 21040 St. John's, NL A1A 5B2

ATTENTION: Ms. Cheryl Blundon

**Director of Corporate Services & Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Blundon:

Re: An *Ex Parte* Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (Hydro) for approval, pursuant to Section 41 of the Act, of three-year leases for two vehicles.

Please find enclosed the original plus eight copies of the above-noted application, supporting affidavit, and draft order for the approval of three-year leases for two vehicles.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO

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IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power Control Act, RSNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the EPCA) and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the Act), and regulations thereunder;

AND IN THE MATTER OF an Ex Parte Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro pursuant to Subsection 41(3) of the Act, for the approval of three-year leases for two vehicles.

**TO:** The Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the Board)

THE APPLICATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO (Hydro) STATES THAT:

- Hydro is a corporation continued and existing under the Hydro Corporation Act,
   2007, is a public utility within the meaning of the Act and is subject to the
   provisions of the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994.
- 2. Hydro provides automobiles to members of its executive, and is leasing two such vehicles at this time. Hydro has opted to lease two Subaru Outback Wagons as there was no material difference in the alternative to buy, as shown below:

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Purchase Price	\$33,619	\$33,480
Net Present Value of Cash Flows (Lease)	\$33,844	\$33,416

3. Pursuant to paragraph Section 41(3)(b) of the Act, a public utility shall not proceed with the lease of improvements or additions to its property where the

cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease without the prior approval of the Board.

4. Hydro is therefore seeking the Board's approval of the lease obligations for the aforesaid vehicles in the amount of \$490.73 per month (\$5,888.76 per annum) with HST excluded for a term of 36 months for Vehicle 1 and \$487.71 per month (\$5,852.52 per annum) with HST excluded for a term of 36 months for Vehicle 2.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 1th day of June 2013.

Geoffrey P. Young

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AND IN THE MATTER OF an Ex Parte Application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for the approval, pursuant to Subsection 41(3) of the Act, of three-year leases for two vehicles.

## **AFFIDAVIT**

- I, Carla L. Russell, Chartered Accountant, of St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, make oath and say as follows:
- I am Manager, Rates and Regulation Department, of Newfoundland and Labrador
   Hydro, the Applicant named in the attached Application.
- 2. I have read and understand the foregoing Application.
- I have personal knowledge of the facts contained therein, except where otherwise indicated, and they are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

SWORN at St. John's in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this 2013, before me: )

Barrister – Newfourdland and Labrador

Carla L. Russel

## (DRAFT ORDER) NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. \_\_ (2013)

1	IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power				
2	Control Act, RSNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the				
3	EPCA) and the <i>Public Utilities Act</i> , RSNL 1990,				
4	Chapte	er P-47 (the "Act"), and regulations thereunder;			
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6		AND			
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8	IN THE MATTER OF an Ex Parte Application				
9	by Ne	y Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro			
10	pursua	ursuant to Subsection 41(3) of the Act for			
11	the ap	the approval of three-year leases for two vehicles.			
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15	WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued				
16	and ex	xisting under the Hydro Corporation Act, 2007, is a public utility within the			
17	meaning of the Act, and is subject to the provisions of the EPCA; and				
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19	WHEREAS Subsection 41(3) of the Act requires that a public utility not proceed with				
20	the construction, purchase or lease of improvements or additions to its property where:				
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22	a)				
23	b)	the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease,			
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25	without prior approval of the Board; and				
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27	WHEREAS in Order Nos. P.U. 2(2013) and P.U. 4(2013) the Board approved Hydro's				
28	2013	Capital Budget; and			
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30	WHE	<b>REAS</b> the Board approved supplementary 2013 capital expenditures in:			
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32	(i)	Order No. P.U. 1(2013) in the amount of \$284,100 for the refurbishment of the			
33		stop logs at the Burnt Dam Spillway; and			
34	(ii)	Order No. P.U. 12(2013) in the amount of \$5,198,000 for the refurbishment of the			
35		marine terminal at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station; and			
36	(iii)	Order No. P.U. 14(2013) in the amount of \$12,809,700 for the refurbishment and			
37		repairs to Unit 1 at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station; and			
38	(iv)	Order No. P.U. 15(2013) in the amount of \$3,823,600 to install additional 230 kV			
39		transformer capacity at the Oxen Pond Terminal Station; and			
40	(v)	Order No. P.U. 20(2013) in the amount of \$8,105,800 for the replacement of			
41		Hardwoods gas turbine alternator; and			

1 2 3	<b>WHEREAS</b> on June 7, 2013 Hydro applied to the Board requesting approval of three-year automobile leases for two vehicles; and				
4 5 6 7		<b>WHEREAS</b> the proposed leases are for an amount of \$490.73 or \$5,888.76 per annum (plus HST) for Vehicle 1 and \$487.71 or \$5,852.52 per annum (plus HST) for Vehicle 2; and			
8 9 10 11		<b>CAS</b> the Board is satisfied that it is reasonable and prudent to approve, on an <i>ex</i> is, the proposed three-year leases for two vehicles.			
12	IT IS TH	IEREFORE ORDERED THAT:			
13 14 15 16 17	1.	Hydro's two proposed three-year automobile leases in the amounts of \$490.73 per month (excluding HST) and \$487.71 per month (excluding HST), are hereby approved.			
18 19 20 21	2.	Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.			
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	DATED	at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this day of , .			
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