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October 5, 2018

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

Attention:

G. Cheryl Blundon

Director of Corporate Services

and Board Secretary

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: 2019/2020 General Rate Application

Please find enclosed the original and 9 copies of Newfoundland Power's Witness List and Issues List.

Given the early stage of this proceeding, Newfoundland Power expects that both its Witness List and Issues List will be updated, as necessary, prior to the hearing to better reflect (i) the matters in issue in the Application as disclosed by other parties in their Witness Lists and Issues Lists and (ii) the appropriate witnesses Newfoundland Power will call to address those matters.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Kelly Hopkins

Corporate Counsel

**Enclosures** 

c. Dennis Browne, QC

Consumer Advocate

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Mark Murray IBEW, Local 1620 IN THE MATTER OF the *Public Utilities Act*, R.S.N.L. 1990, Chapter P-47, as amended, (the "Act"); and

IN THE MATTER OF a general rate application (the "Application") by Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") to establish customer electricity rates for 2019 and 2020.

## NEWFOUNDLAND POWER'S WITNESS LIST (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018)

Newfoundland Power currently expects it may call the following witnesses in this proceeding:

- 1. Mr. Peter Alteen, President & CEO;
- 2. Ms. Paige London, Vice President, Finance & CFO;
- 3. Mr. Gary Murray, Vice President, Customer Operations;
- 4. Mr. Lorne Henderson, Director, Planning & Supply; and
- 5. Mr. James Coyne, Concentric Energy Advisors.

Newfoundland Power reserves the right to call further or other witnesses as it considers appropriate to respond to issues or matters arising from the evidence filed, and issues raised, by other Intervenors and the Board's staff.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 5th day of October, 2018.

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## APPLICANT'S ISSUES LIST (Submitted October 5th, 2018)

In the Applicant's Submission, the issues arising in this proceeding, are as follows:

- A. Issues Affecting Revenue Requirements:
- 1. 2019 Forecast Revenue Requirements from rates of \$661,467,000 and 2020 Forecast Revenue Requirements from rates of \$664,118,000.
- 2. 2019 and 2020 Test Year Operating Costs.
- 3. Customer Energy and Demand Forecast.
- 4. Approval, with effect from March 1, 2019, to:
  - (a) amortize the recovery over a 34 month period of an estimated \$1 million in Board and Consumer Advocate costs related to the Application;
  - (b) amortize the recovery over a 34 month period of a forecast 2019 revenue surplus of an estimated \$919,000.
- 5. Approval of a change in accounting practices regarding capitalization of pension expenses associated with Accounting Standards Update 2017-07 issued in 2017 by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.
- B. Issues Affecting Return on Rate Base:
- 6. Approval of 2019 forecast average rate base of \$1,146,293,000 and of 2020 forecast average rate base of \$1,179,357,000.
- 7. Approval of an appropriate capital structure for ratemaking purposes.

- 8. Approval of a return on average rate base for 2019 of 7.47% within a range of 7.29% to 7.65% and a return on average rate base for 2020 of 7.49% in a range of 7.31% to 7.67%.
- 9. Continued suspension of the use of the automatic adjustment formula to determine Newfoundland Power's allowed rate of return on rate base.

#### C. Issues Affecting Rates:

10. Approval of rates, toll and charges effective for service provided on and after March 1, 2019, which result in average increases in customer rates by class as follows:

Rate Class	Average Increase
Domestic	1.2%
General Service 0-100 kW (110 kVA)	1.2%
General Service 110-1000 kVA	1.2%
General Service 1000 kVA and Over	1.2%
Street and Area Lighting	1.2%

- 11. Approval of changes in the Basic Customer Charges and Minimum Monthly Charges for (i) unmetered, (ii) single phase, and (iii) three phase service in Rate #2.1 General Service 0-100 kW (110 kVA) to more accurately reflect differences in the costs of providing such service.
- 12. Approval of the addition of a new service offering for LED street and area lighting and a corresponding amendment to Clause II.3 of the Rate Stabilization Clause.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland, this 5th day of October, 2018.

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