## WHENEVER, WHEREVER, We'll be there.



May 30, 2024

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

Attention:

Jo-Anne Galarneau

**Executive Director and Board Secretary** 

Dear Ms. Galarneau:

Re: Newfoundland Power's 2025/2026 General Rate Application -

Issues List (Updated) and Witness List (Updated)

Please find enclosed the original and nine copies of Newfoundland Power's Witness List (Updated).

The Company's Issues List remains unchanged from its May 8, 2024 filing. As such, an updated Issues List is not provided.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Lindsay Hollett

Senior Legal Counsel &

Assistant Corporate Secretary

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Enclosures

c. Shirley Walsh

Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

Dennis Browne, K.C. Browne Fitzgerald Morgan & Avis

Donald Murphy International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, 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 an application

by Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland Power") to establish customer electricity rates for 2025 and 2026 (the "Application").

## NEWFOUNDLAND POWER'S WITNESS LIST (May 30th, 2024)

1. The witnesses who are currently expected to appear in this proceeding on behalf of Newfoundland Power are set out in the table below, in order of planned appearance:

Name and Title/Company	Witness	Evidence
Mr. Gary Murray President and Chief Executive Officer	Type Company Witness	<ul> <li>Section 1: Introduction, including:</li> <li>corporate overview.</li> <li>Executive compensation.</li> </ul>
Ms. Paige London Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer	Company Witness	<ul> <li>Section 3: Finance, including:         <ul> <li>fair return;</li> <li>electrification cost deferral account and recovery of costs; and</li> <li>demand management incentive account.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Section 4: Rate Base and Revenue requirement.</li> <li>Wholesale rate / proposal to not rebase.</li> </ul>
Mr. James Coyne and Mr. John Trogonoski Concentric Energy	Expert Witness	<ul> <li>Cost of Capital, including:</li> <li>return on equity;</li> <li>capital structure and risk profile; and</li> <li>automatic adjustment formula.</li> </ul>
Mr. Wiclif Ma Korn Ferry	Expert Witness	Executive compensation.
Mr. Byron Chubbs Vice President, Engineering and Energy Supply	Company Witness	<ul> <li>Section 2: Customer Operations, including:         <ul> <li>operating costs;</li> <li>capital expenditures;</li> <li>reliability; and</li> <li>environmental responsibility.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Advanced metering infrastructure.</li> </ul>

Mr. Michael Comerford Director, Rates and Supply  Witness	<ul> <li>Section 5: Customer Rates.</li> <li>Customer, energy and demand forecast.</li> <li>Cost of service.</li> <li>Load Research Study and Rate Design Review.</li> </ul>
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- 2. Biographies of the Company witnesses are attached as Appendix A to this Witness List. Mr. Coyne and Mr. Trogonoski's biographies are contained within the Cost of Capital Report and Mr. Ma's biography is contained within the Executive Compensation Review, both filed with the Board as part of this Application.
- 3. Newfoundland Power reserves the right to present further witnesses and/or have Company witnesses appear as a panel as may be desirable to expeditiously address issues at hearing that are indicated in the Issues List of other participants, or that otherwise arise in the proceedings on the Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 30th day of May, 2024.

NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC.

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Appendix A Biographies of Company Witnesses Gary Murray, P. Eng.

President & Chief Executive Officer

Newfoundland Power Inc.

Gary Murray is President and Chief Executive Officer of Newfoundland Power Inc., a company that has proudly served the people of our province for almost 140 years.

Mr. Murray joined Newfoundland Power in 2002, and has been a member of the Executive Team for ten years. Prior to being appointed President and Chief Executive Officer in 2020, he was Vice President, Customer Operations. Gary has extensive engineering and utility experience within North America. Over his career, he has gained a comprehensive understanding of the provincial electricity system and in-depth industry knowledge. Prior to joining Newfoundland Power, Mr. Murray worked in the offshore oil and gas and hydroelectric industries.

Mr. Murray is from Placentia and holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from Memorial University. Mr. Murray was inducted as a Fellow of Engineers Canada in 2019.

Mr. Murray serves on the Board of Directors of Newfoundland Power, Maritime Electric, Fortis Belize, Electricity Canada and is Chair of the Board of the Cancer Care Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Paige London, CPA Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer Newfoundland Power Inc.

Paige London is Vice President, Finance, and Chief Financial Officer for Newfoundland Power Inc., a company that has proudly served the people of our province for almost 140 years.

Ms. London joined Newfoundland Power in 2017, and is responsible for all aspects of finance and regulatory, with corporate responsibility for human resources and the Company's charity, Power of Life.

Prior to joining Newfoundland Power, Ms. London served as Director, Financial Reporting at Fortis Inc. In that position, she was primarily responsible for financial planning and reporting, and was also involved in cash management and capital markets. Prior to that, Ms. London held progressive finance positions at Fortis Inc. since 2004.

Ms. London is from St. John's and holds both a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Hons.) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Economics) from Memorial University, and a Chartered Professional Accountant Designation. She is also a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Ms. London is an active volunteer in Newfoundland and Labrador. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of C-CORE, and acts as Chair of C-CORE's Finance and Audit Committee. Ms. London is a former Director of the Cancer Care Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador.

Byron Chubbs VP Engineering & Energy Supply Newfoundland Power Inc.

Byron Chubbs is Vice President, Engineering and Energy Supply, for Newfoundland Power Inc., a company that has proudly served the people of our province for almost 140 years.

Mr. Chubbs is responsible for energy supply, system planning, engineering and information technology and sustainability. He also has corporate responsibility for inclusion and diversity.

Mr. Chubbs joined Newfoundland Power in 2006, holding progressively senior roles including Director, Eastern Region, and Director, Operations Technology. In 2016, he joined our sister company, Maritime Electric, as Vice President, Customer Service, with responsibility for transmission and distribution operations, safety, customer service and communications. Byron rejoined Newfoundland Power in September 2018 as Vice President, Energy Supply and Planning.

Mr. Chubbs is from St. Lewis, Labrador and holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering from Memorial University. He has completed the Advanced Leadership Program at Memorial's Gardiner Institute and the Finance for Senior Executives Program at Harvard Business School.

Mr. Chubbs is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland & Labrador. Mr. Chubbs also serves on Electricity Canada's Distribution Council and is a Vice Chair of the Board of the St. John's Board of Trade.

Michael Comerford Director, Rates and Supply Newfoundland Power Inc.

Michael Comerford is Director of Rates and Supply at Newfoundland Power Inc., a company that has proudly served the people of our province for almost 140 years.

Mr. Comerford joined Newfoundland Power in 2007 as Controls and Automation Engineer before becoming Superintendent, Regional Engineering, St. John's Region in 2010. He joined the Regulatory Team in 2013 as Manager, Regulatory Affairs and then Manager, Regulation. In 2022 he became Director, Rates and Supply. His responsibilities include management of Newfoundland Power's customer, energy and demand forecast, rate design and load research, and system planning.

Mr. Comerford is from St. John's and holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration from Memorial University. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Mr. Comerford is a member of Electricity Canada's Economic Regulation Innovation Committee and serves on the Board of Directors of Wataynikaneyap Power, a partnership between Fortis and 24 First Nations communities in northwestern Ontario with a mandate to construct approximately 1,800 kilometres of transmission line to remote First Nations communities.