

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

**NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC. GENERAL RATE APPLICATION
NOVEMBER 23, 2021**

HEARING INFORMATION AND COVID 19 SPECIAL MEASURES

The following provides general information with respect to the hearing commencing Tuesday, November 23, 2021 including COVID-19 related protocols to be in place in accordance with public health and provincial directives.

Pre-registration

- All registered parties, hearing participants and members of the public and media planning to attend must register with the Board Secretary by completing the pre-registration form and forwarding it to the Board Secretary by email: ito@pub.nl.ca before 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 18, 2021**.

Entry to the Hearing Room

- All persons entering the hearing room will be required to present a VaxPass, proof of full COVID-19 vaccination status or proof of an approved medical exemption in accordance with provincial directives effective October 25, 2021. Accepted forms of the VaxPass are listed on the registration form. Participants are asked to arrive in time to go through the screening process prior to the start of each session.

Public Health Protocols

- All persons will be required to wear masks or face coverings when standing or moving throughout the Hearing room. Masks can be removed while seated only where two-metre physical distancing is possible. The Board will supply masks and gloves upon request. Persons wishing to wear their own mask may do so.
- Due to the two-metre physical distancing requirements seating will be limited and be available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Only necessary belongings should be brought into the Hearing room.
- Communal items such as tissues and bottled water will be provided. Coffee or tea will not be provided.
- The hearing room will be equipped with sanitizing hand washing products and sanitizing stations at the entrance/exit and at various locations in the hearing room/entrance. All persons are asked to sanitize their hands upon entry to the hearing room. Containers will be placed at the exits of the hearing room to allow the appropriate disposal of used masks and gloves.
- The hearing room and entrance area will be cleaned and disinfected daily.

Hearing Participants and Schedule

- The registered parties and tentative schedule of witnesses are listed below:

Registered Parties:

- i. Newfoundland Power Inc.
Represented by Dominic Foley, Lindsay Hollett and Liam O'Brien
- ii. The Consumer Advocate Dennis Browne, Q.C.
Represented by Stephen Fitzgerald
- iii. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
Represented by Shirley Walsh

Tentative schedule of witnesses:

Tuesday, November 23	Mr. Gary Murray
Wednesday, November 24	Ms. Paige London
Thursday, November 25	Ms. Paige London
Friday, November 26	Mr. Michael Comerford
Tuesday, November 30	Mr. James Coyne
Wednesday, November 31	Mr. James Coyne/Dr. Laurence Booth
Thursday, December 1	Dr. Laurence Booth
Friday, December 2	Mr. Byron Chubbs
Monday, December 6	Mr. Byron Chubbs
Tuesday, December 7	Non-sitting day (unless witnesses are not finished)
Wednesday, December 8	Mr. Wiclif Ma (Korn Ferry)
Thursday, December 9	Barry Griffiths/Angie Brown (Grant Thornton)
Public comment day	To be scheduled, if required.

- The hearing will proceed in accordance with the Hearing Schedule established by the Board. The regular sitting times are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily with a half hour break from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Presentation of Evidence and Cross-examination of Witnesses

- Witnesses will be sworn or affirmed. If being sworn witnesses will not be required to place their hand on the bible but rather hover their hand over the bible.
- A party wishing to examine or cross-examine a witness on a document that is not:
 - i. already part of the record of the proceeding;
 - ii. a portion of a transcript of the witness' own prior testimony; or
 - iii. an Order of the Board;

shall file one (1) original and nine (9) copies of the document with the Board and serve one (1) copy on each party by 3:00 p.m. on the last business day before the examination or cross-examination is to take place. Copies of each document to be used during cross-examination shall be filed separately and not collated with other documents.

- Due to Covid-19 measures documents used during cross-examination will **only** be handed to the Commissioners by the Board Secretary during the hearing. Parties are asked to bring copies provided as per above for their reference during the hearing.

Rules of Procedure

- The Rules of Procedure are set out in Order No. P.U. 26(2021) issued July 19, 2021. ([http://www.pub.nl.ca/orders/order2021/pu/P.U.%2026\(2021\).PDF](http://www.pub.nl.ca/orders/order2021/pu/P.U.%2026(2021).PDF))

Transcripts and Live-stream Audio

- Daily transcripts will be available on the Board's website (www.pub.nl.ca).
- Interested persons who are not able to attend the hearing may listen to the audio live-stream through a link on the Board's website.

Health and Safety Concerns

Participants are reminded of the general public health advisories to minimize health and safety risks for all hearing participants:

1. **DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE SICK OR DISPLAYING SIGNS OF COVID-19**
2. **HANDS** must be washed or **SANITIZED** upon ENTRY
3. **DIRECTIONAL SIGNS** must be followed
4. **PHYSICAL DISTANCE of 2 Metres** must be maintained
5. **FACE MASKS** are to be worn as directed by the Chief Medical Officer

NOTES: Where a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 is reported in the Board's hearings rooms or offices, operations will be suspended. Appropriate and thorough disinfection will be undertaken prior to re-occupancy.

Any concerns or questions related to health and safety during the hearing should be brought to the immediate attention of the Board Secretary.