P.U. 19 (2002-2003)

IN THE MATTER OF the PUBLIC UTILITIES ACT,

R.S.N. 1990, c. P-47, as amended ("the Act")

AND

IN THE MATTER OF the application

by Newfoundland Power Inc. ("the Applicant") for approval of a contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") for a line extension to serve Aliant Telecom Inc. (the "Customer") pursuant to Section 41(5) of the Act.

WHEREAS the Applicant is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, is a public utility within the meaning of the Act, and is also subject to the provisions of the *Electrical Power Control Act*, 1994; and

WHEREAS the Customer will operate a communications tower located of Hill Avenue Extension near the Town of Clarke's Beach; and

WHEREAS the Customer has requested that the Applicant provide its facility near Clarke's Beach with single-phase electrical service which, in order to so provide, requires the construction of 2,435 meters of

single-phase line (the "Extension"); and

WHEREAS the Extension will be jointly used by the Applicant and Aliant Telecom Inc.; and

WHEREAS a contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") of the Extension has been calculated in accordance with Clauses 5 (a) of the CIAC Policy: Distribution Line Extension and Upgrades To General Service Customers, approved by Order No. P.U. 7 (1997-98) dated September 30, 1997 (the "Policy"), which calculation assumes the Extension will supply service to a communications tower with an estimated peak demand of less than 10 kW and the CIAC thus calculated is Fifty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$56,752.50), including HST; and

WHEREAS the estimated demand for the facility is based on information supplied by the Customer; and **WHEREAS** the construction cost of the Extension is \$68,010.00 and Clause 11 (a) of the Policy states that all Line Extensions or Upgrades involving CIACs in which the construction costs are estimated to be greater than \$25,000 must be submitted to the Board for approval; and

WHEREAS the proposed expenditures on the Extension are necessary for the Applicant to provide service and facilities to the Customer which are reasonably safe and adequate and just and reasonable as required pursuant to s. 37 of the Act; and

WHEREAS the proposed CIAC is necessary to ensure that the Applicant's investment in the Extension is

compensatory over the useful life of the Extension and will not be to the detriment of the Applicant's other customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Pursuant to Section 41(5) of the Act, the Board approves

(a) the CIAC in the amount of Fifty-six thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$56,752.50), including HST, as calculated under the Policy, for Aliant Telecom Inc.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 1st day of August 2002.

Robert Noseworthy,
Chair & Chief Executive Officer.

G. Fred Saunders,
Commissioner.

G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary.