



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

**NOTICE OF HEARING
AND
INVITATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

***NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC.
2003 GENERAL RATE APPLICATION***

The public hearing of Newfoundland Power Inc.'s 2003 General Rate Application (the "Application") will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 3, 2003 in the Board's hearing room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John's. The Notice of Application and Pre-hearing Conference, which included the request for intervenor submissions, was published in newspapers across the province beginning October 19, 2002. At the pre-hearing conference on October 30, 2002 the Board set the schedule for the hearing of the Application and established the list of intervenors for the proceeding.

On February 10, 2003 Newfoundland Power re-filed its application, modifying the proposed average rate increase from 1.39% to 0.96%, with specific impacts on customers varying depending on electricity consumption.

During the hearing the Board will hear direct testimony and evidence from the Applicant and registered intervenors, followed by public presentations. Registered intervenors in this hearing are the Consumer Advocate, Mr. Dennis Browne, and Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro.

Invitation for Public Participation

Interested persons or organizations other than registered intervenors can participate in the proceeding in one of the following two ways:

1) Oral Presentation - Any person or organization who does not wish to formally intervene in the Application and thereby become a party in the proceeding, but who wishes to make a presentation to the Board, may request the opportunity to make an Oral Presentation during the time scheduled for public participation. Persons or organizations interested in making an Oral Presentation must write to the Board outlining their interest in the proceeding, along with their address and telephone number. The Board will consider travelling to other regions served by Newfoundland Power where public interest is demonstrated and interested persons or organizations have confirmed participation.

The deadline for submitting requests to make oral presentations to the Board is 3:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2003. The Board will finalize the dates and locations for public participation, based on the submissions and interest it receives, and issue a follow up notice of the schedule.

2) Letter of Comment - Any interested person or organization who does not wish to intervene or make an Oral Presentation may file a Letter of Comment for the consideration of the Board. All Letters of Comment must clearly state the person's interest in the proceeding, and the person's views regarding the proceeding, together with any relevant information that may be useful in explaining or supporting those views.

The Board will accept all Letters of Comment received before the closing day of the hearing.

HOW TO CONTACT THE BOARD

All correspondence and requests for further information should be addressed to the Board Secretary at the address set out below. The Board encourages the electronic filing of documents and the Board's Information Technology Officer, Mr. Mike McNiven, is available to support this type of filing at 709-726-1158, toll free 1-866-782-0006, or by e-mail at ito@pub.nf.ca

HOW TO SEE THE APPLICATION AND HEARING DOCUMENTATION

Copies of the Application and information filed to date is available for public viewing at the offices of the Board between the hours of 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or upon request from the Board Secretary at (709) 726-8600 or on the Board's website at www.pub.nf.ca. A copy of the Application can also be viewed at any of Newfoundland Power's regional offices located throughout the Province.

Copies of the Board's legislation and regulations are available for viewing on the Board's website at www.pub.nf.ca or at the Board's office.

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Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 12th day of February 2003.

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

INSERTIONS:

The Telegram – 2 insertions – Feb 15 & 19, 2003
The Western Star – 2 insertions – Feb 15 & 19, 2003
The Shoreline – 1 insertion

Robinson Blackmore – Starting week of Feb 17, 2003

The Express-St. John's
The Compass-Carbonear
The Packet-Clareville
The Southern Gazette-Marystown
The Beacon-Gander
The Pilot-Lewisporte
The Advertiser-GrandFalls-Windsor
The Nor-Wester-Springdale
The Coaster-Harbour Breton
The Humber Log-Corner Brook
The Georgian-Stephenville
The Gulf News-Port aux Basques
The Charter-Placentia

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