



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC. 2005 CAPITAL BUDGET APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that on August 31, 2004 the Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the “Board”) received an application (“the Application”) from Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) requesting an Order of the Board pursuant to Sections 41, 78 and 80 of the *Public Utilities Act* (the “Act”):

- 1) Approving its 2005 Capital Budget in the amount of \$ 48,141,000;
- 2)
 - (i) Fixing and determining Newfoundland Power’s average rate base for 2003 in the amount of \$ 675,730,000;
 - (ii) approving its revised forecast average rate base for 2004 in the amount of \$ 713,072,000; and
 - (iii) approving its forecast average rate base for 2005 in the amount of \$ 740,142,000; and
- 3) approving revised values for the rate base and invested capital for use in the automatic adjustment formula for the calculation of the return on rate base for 2005 pursuant to Board Order No. P.U. 19(2003)

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all customers of Newfoundland Power as well as customers of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro whose rates are based on the rate schedules of Newfoundland Power may be affected by the outcome of the Application.

HOW TO SEE THE APPLICATION:

Copies of the application and documentation filed to date are available as follows:

- i) On the Board’s website at www.pub.nf.ca; and
- ii) By request to the Board Secretary at the address below.

THE PUBLIC HEARING:

The public hearing of Newfoundland Power's Application will begin at **10:00 A.M. on September 20, 2004**, in the Board's Hearing Room, Prince Charles Building, 120 Torbay Road, St. John's. The hearing will proceed in accordance with the procedures of the Board, which are established in accordance with the Act and *Newfoundland Regulation 39/96* ("the Regulations") with respect to filing of evidence, requests for information, and other matters relating to the hearing.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING:

Any interested person or organization can participate in the hearing in one of three ways, as follows:

- 1) **Intervenor Submission** - Any person wishing to be made a party to the hearing must apply by way of an Intervenor's Submission to the Board as set out in section 9 of the Regulations. This submission should concisely state the interest such person has in the Application, the facts and reasons which will be entered as evidence (together with any supporting documentation) and the disposition of the proceedings which the Intervenor advocates. **All Intervenor Submissions must be received by the Board before 12:00 Noon, Monday, September 13, 2004.**
- 2) **Letters of Comment** - Any interested person who does not wish to intervene or make an Oral Presentation may file a Letter of Comment for the consideration of the Board in this proceeding. All Letters of Comment must clearly state the person's interest in the proceeding, together with any comments and other relevant documentation that may be useful in explaining or supporting those views, along with their address and telephone number. **The Board will accept all Letters of Comment received before the closing day of the hearing.**
- 3) **Oral Presentation** - Any interested person who does not wish to intervene to become a party in the proceeding but who wishes to make an Oral Presentation to the Board must request and obtain permission of the Board to make such presentation during the hearing. Persons or organizations interested in making such oral presentations must write a letter of comment which clearly states the person's interest in the proceeding, together with any comments and other relevant documentation that may be useful in explaining or supporting those views, along with their address and telephone number. **Oral Presentation requests must be received by the Board before 12:00 Noon, Thursday September 16, 2004.**

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 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

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 1st day September 2004.

Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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INSERTIONS:

The Telegram, 1 Insertion, Saturday, September 4th, 2004
The Western Star, 1 Insertion, Saturday, September 4th, 2004
The Northern Pen, 1 Insertion, Earliest Possible Date in September
The Labradorian, 1 Insertion, Earliest Possible Date in September
The Aurora, 1 Insertion, Earliest Possible Date in September
The Grand Falls Advertiser, 1 Insertion, Earliest Possible Date in September