P.U. 6 (2004)

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 *Ex Parte* application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("the Applicant") for approval of the lease of office space to support its 2004 regulatory activities pursuant to Section 41 of the *Act*.

WHEREAS the Applicant is a corporation continued and existing under the Hydro Corporation Act,

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 Paragraph 41 (3)(b) of the *Act* requires the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (the "Board") to approve the lease of improvements or additions to a utility's property where the cost of the lease is in excess of \$5,000 in a year of the lease; and

WHEREAS the Applicant has by Application dated February 4, 2004 requested approval for the lease of office space for a five-month period in the Prince Charles Building, at a rental rate of \$1,200 per month, plus HST; and

WHEREAS the Applicant has ongoing regulatory activities before the Board in the Prince Charles Building on Torbay Road in St. John's; and

WHEREAS the Board has considered the Applicant's request for approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Pursuant to Section 41 (3) of the *Act*, the Board approves the Applicant's proposed fivemonth lease of office space in the Prince Charles Building for the amount of \$1,200 per month, plus HST.

Dated at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 9th day of March, 2004.

Robert Noseworthy, Chair and Chief Executive Officer.

Darlene Whalen, P.Eng., Vice-Chair.

G. Cheryl Blundon, Board Secretary.