NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P. U. 11(2010)

- 1 IN THE MATTER OF the Electrical Power
- 2 Control Act, RSNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the
- 3 "EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990,
- 4 Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*"), as amended;

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- 8 IN THE MATTER OF an Application by
- 9 Newfoundland Power Inc. ("Newfoundland
- 10 Power") for approval of the balance in the
- 11 Weather Normalization Reserve as of
- 12 December 31, 2009 pursuant to Subsections
- 13 69(3) and 78 of the *Act* (the "Application").
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- WHEREAS Newfoundland Power is a corporation 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 *EPCA*; and
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WHEREAS by Order No. P. U. 1(1974) the Board ordered Newfoundland Power to provide a reserve out of its revenue to normalize for the average degree days (the Degree Day Normalization Reserve) and to combine the balance in this reserve with the balance in the Hydro Production Equalization Reserve established pursuant to Order No. P. U. 32(1968) to create a combined reserve referred to as the Weather Normalization Reserve; and

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WHEREAS by Order No. P. U. 32(2007) the Board ordered Newfoundland Power to amortize the
 recovery of \$6,800,000 of the balance in the Degree Day Normalization Reserve over a five-year
 period beginning in 2008; and

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WHEREAS by Order No. P. U. 12(2009) the Board approved Newfoundland Power's Weather Normalization Reserve as of December 31, 2008, at which time there was a negative balance in the reserve of \$5,910,271; and

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- 35 WHEREAS Newfoundland Power has reported to the Board that its Weather Normalization Reserve
- as of December 31, 2009 is a negative balance of \$3,918,970; and

WHEREAS the Board is satisfied from the Application and Affidavit that the reserve at December 31, 2009, properly reflects the effect that degree days normalization and hydro production equalization have had on the operation of Newfoundland Power from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and the Board's approval of the amortization of the recovery of \$6,800,000 of the balance in the Degree Day Normalization Reserve over five years beginning in 2008.

7 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

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- 1. The Board approves Newfoundland Power's Weather Normalization Reserve of a negative balance of \$3,918,970 as of December 31, 2009, pursuant to ss. 69(3) and 78 of the *Act*.
- Newfoundland Power shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board in connection with this
 Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 12th day of April 2010.

Andy Wells Chair & Chief Executive Officer

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Darlene Whalen, P.Eng. Vice-Chair

Cheryl Blundon Board Secretary