### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## AN ORDER OF THE BOARD NO. P.U. 6(2013)

2 Control Act, 1994, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the

3 "EPCA") and the Public Utilities Act, RSNL 1990,

4 Chapter P-47 (the "*Act*") and regulations thereunder;

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## AND

- 8 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
- 9 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for

10 approval of a contribution in aid of construction

11 of an upgrade of a distribution line from

12 single-phase to three-phase for the Red Ochre

13 Regional Economic Development Board pursuant

14 to Section 41 of the Act.

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17 WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is a corporation continued and 18 existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the meaning of 19 the *Act*, and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and

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WHEREAS the Red Ochre Regional Economic Development Board (the "Customer") has requested that Hydro upgrade approximately nine kilometers of the electrical distribution system in Daniel's Harbour from a single-phase service to a three-phase service; and

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WHEREAS the Customer has advised Hydro that the primary purpose for the upgrade is to facilitate economic growth in the region and specifically to meet the immediate electrical requirements of the Cooke Aquaculture Fish Hatchery in Daniel's Harbour; and

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WHEREAS on February 25, 2013, the Board received an application from Hydro for approval of a contribution in aid of construction ("CIAC") to upgrade existing single-phase lines to provide a three-phase service to the Cooke Aquaculture Fish Hatchery in Daniel's Harbour; and

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WHEREAS the estimated construction cost of the upgrade is \$300,400.00 and is based on
a detailed engineering estimate in accordance with Clause 5(e) of the CIAC Policy:
Distribution Line Extensions and Upgrades to General Service Customers approved by
Order No. P.U. 27(2005), dated November 2, 2005 (the "Policy"); and

1 **WHEREAS** a CIAC for the upgrade has been calculated in accordance with Clause 5(e) of 2 the of the Policy and the CIAC thus calculated is \$287,472.49, excluding HST; and

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**WHEREAS** Clause 10(ii) of the Policy states that Hydro shall apply to the Board for approval of all line extensions or upgrades involving CIACs where the costs of the line extension or upgrade are calculated pursuant to Clause 5(e); and

8 WHEREAS approval of the proposed CIAC is reasonable and prudent to ensure that 9 Hydro's investment in the upgrade is compensatory over the useful life of the upgrade and 10 not to the detriment of Hydro's other customers.

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# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

 The Contribution in Aid of Construction of Two hundred and eighty-seven thousand four hundred seventy-two dollars and forty-nine cents (\$287,472.49), excluding HST, as calculated under the policy to provide three-phase service to the Cooke Aquaculture Fish Hatchery in Daniels's Harbour for the Red Ochre Regional Economic Development Board is approved.

21 2. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

**DATED** at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013.

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Darlene Whalen, P.Eng. Vice-Chair

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