

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 17(2019)

1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Electrical Power*
2 *Control Act, 1994*, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the
3 “*EPCA*”) and the *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL
4 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “*Act*”), as amended, and
5 regulations thereunder; and
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7 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
8 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro to remove a
9 section of distribution line from service on the
10 Avalon Peninsula, pursuant to section 38 of the
11 *Act*.
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14 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is a corporation continued and
15 existing under the *Hydro Corporation Act, 2007*, is a public utility within the meaning of the *Act*,
16 and is also subject to the provisions of the *EPCA*; and
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18 **WHEREAS** Hydro owned and operated TL 266, a 16 km section of wood pole construction
19 transmission line (the “Line”) between Soldiers Pond and Hardwoods, which delivered power to
20 a terminal station from which power was purchased by Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland
21 Power”) and then delivered to its customers; and
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23 **WHEREAS** as part of its 2016 Capital Budget application, Hydro filed a report relating to capacity
24 increases on the transmission system in the Soldiers Pond to Hardwoods corridor following the
25 completion of the Lower Churchill project; and
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27 **WHEREAS** in Order No. P.U. 33(2015) the Board approved the replacement of the Line with a
28 new 230 kV steel power transmission line to increase the capacity of the transmission system; and
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30 **WHEREAS** on April 23, 2019 Hydro filed an application requesting approval to remove the Line
31 from service (the “Application”); and
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33 **WHEREAS** pursuant to section 38 of the *Act*, the Board must give written consent before a public
34 utility abandons a work or discontinues a service; and
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36 **WHEREAS** consent of the Board shall only be given after notice is provided to an interested
37 incorporated municipal body; and

1 **WHEREAS** Hydro notified Newfoundland Power of the proposed decommissioning and
2 Newfoundland Power advised that it has no objection to the removal of the Line from service; and
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4 **WHEREAS** the Application stated that there are no other customers of Hydro who will be affected
5 by the removal of the Line and submitted that the removal of the Line will not adversely affect the
6 reliability of service provided by Hydro; and
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8 **WHEREAS** the Board did not receive any comments on the Application; and
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10 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied that the Line is no longer used and useful and its removal will
11 not adversely affect service reliability and that removal of the Line should be approved.
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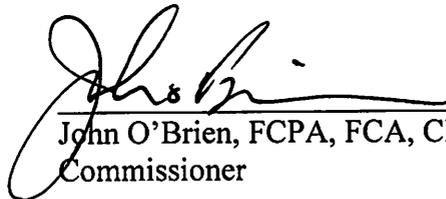
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14 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 16 1. The removal of the TL 266 wood pole construction transmission line from service is approved.
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18 2. Hydro shall pay all costs and expenses of the Board related to this application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador this 22nd day of May, 2019.



Darlene Whalen, P. Eng., FEC
Chair and Chief Executive Officer



John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner



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