

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 27(2025)

IN THE MATTER OF the **Electrical Power Control Act, 1994**, SNL 1994, Chapter E-5.1 (the “**EPCA**”) and the **Public Utilities Act**, RSNL 1990, Chapter P-47 (the “**Act**”), as amended, and regulations thereunder; and

IN THE MATTER OF approval of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s Network Additions Policy for the Labrador Interconnected system in Order No. P.U. 7(2021); and

IN THE MATTER OF Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s request to change reporting requirements set out in Order No. P.U. 24(2023).

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

WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 7(2021) the Board accepted the Settlement Agreement of the parties and approved the Network Additions Policy for the Labrador Interconnected system and ordered Hydro to file a report on or before July 1, 2023, setting out recommendations with respect to the transition to the “But For” approach relating to the assignment of costs for which a customer is causally responsible; and

WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 24(2023) the Board approved Hydro’s request that the filing date for the required report be delayed to the end of the second quarter of 2025 so that Hydro may have the most complete information to enable the necessary review; and

WHEREAS on June 20, 2025 Hydro stated there have been minimal service applications requiring cost calculations or payments under the Network Additions Policy, resulting in limited data to evaluate its effectiveness or compare it with a potential “But For” approach; and

1 **WHEREAS** Hydro advised that accurate and updated cost estimates for expansion options are
2 essential to assess the current policy's customer impacts and to evaluate whether a transition to
3 a "But For" approach would yield different outcomes and requested that the filing date for the
4 required report be delayed to the second quarter of 2026 to ensure that any recommendations
5 are based on complete, accurate, and current information; and
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7 **WHEREAS** Newfoundland Power Inc; the Consumer Advocate, Dennis Browne, KC; a group of
8 Island Industrial customers: Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, Braya Renewable Fuels, and
9 Vale Newfoundland & Labrador Limited; Iron Ore Company of Canada; and the communities of
10 Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Wabush, and Labrador City (the "Labrador Interconnected
11 Group") were asked for comments on the change in filing date; and
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13 **WHEREAS** the Labrador Interconnected Group advised they do not oppose the proposal to
14 extend the reporting deadline; and
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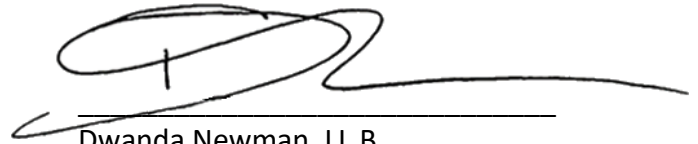
16 **WHEREAS** no other comments were received by the Board; and
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18 **WHEREAS** the Board is satisfied it is reasonable to allow additional time for the completion of
19 Hydro's ongoing review and studies regarding the transition to the "But For" approach under the
20 Network Additions Policy and that Hydro should provide an update on or before June 30, 2026
21 as to when it will file its report on transitioning to the "But For" approach.
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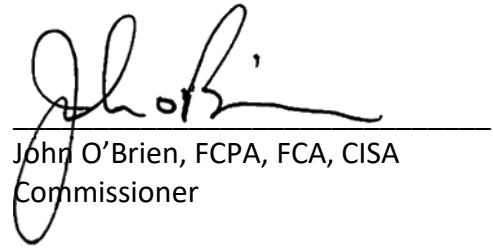
24 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**
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- 26 1. Hydro shall file an update on or before June 30, 2026 as to transitioning to the "But For"
27 approach under the Network Additions Policy.
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29 2. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this matter.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 8th day of July 2025.

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Dwanda Newman, LL.B.
Vice-Chair

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John O'Brien, FCPA, FCA, CISA
Commissioner

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Jo-Anne Galarneau
Executive Director and Board Secretary