

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

AN ORDER OF THE BOARD

NO. P.U. 31(2026)

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 an application by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro for approval of exemption to Regulation 17 which limits new load additions in Labrador East and West for Carol Automotive Ltd.

WHEREAS Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is a corporation continued and existing under the **Hydro Corporation Act, 2024**, 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. 36(2018) the Board approved a revision to Hydro’s rules and regulations to permit a restriction on load additions in excess of 100 kW in Labrador East for the 2018-2019 winter season and in Order No. P.U. 34(2019) the Board increased the restriction threshold to 200 kW, extended the restriction geographically to include Labrador West, and ordered that the restriction remain in place until further order of the Board; and

WHEREAS in Order No. P.U. 7(2021) the Board approved the Network Additions Policy for the Labrador Interconnected System, which is intended to limit rate increases that can result from investments necessary to serve new load requests, but also to share the benefits and costs of new transmission investments amongst new and existing customers; and

WHEREAS Regulation 17 of Hydro’s rules and regulations set out the approved restriction on load in Labrador East and West and permits Hydro to apply for a variance or exemption to this restriction where there are special circumstances surrounding an application for service; and

WHEREAS restrictions pursuant to Regulation 17 remain in place while the system expansion needs are determined; and

WHEREAS on July 27, 2026 Hydro filed an application for an exemption to Regulation 17 to provide service to Carol Automotive Ltd. for the installation of an additional electric vehicle charger at its car dealership facility in Labrador City which will result in an overall estimated peak load of 256.4 kW (the “Application”); and

WHEREAS the Application stated that while the transmission capacity of the Labrador West system has not increased since the load restriction was implemented, Hydro must balance the importance of ensuring the system is not overwhelmed to the point that delivery of reliable service is impacted with the necessity for reasonable community infrastructure and business growth in Labrador; and

WHEREAS Hydro stated it has reviewed the impact of the customer connection on the Labrador West system and it does not pose concerns with respect to the continued delivery of reliable service in the region; and

WHEREAS the Application was copied to: Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”); the Consumer Advocate, Ms. Adrienne Ding (“Consumer Advocate”); the Island Industrial Customer Group¹; the Labrador Interconnected Group²; and Iron Ore Company of Canada; and

WHEREAS the Board issued requests for information on August 10, 2026 and August 28, 2026 which were answered by Hydro on August 17, 2026 and September 4, 2026, respectively; and

WHEREAS Newfoundland Power and the Consumer Advocate advised that they had no comments on the Application and no comments were received from any other party; and

WHEREAS on September 9, 2026 Hydro submitted that the proposed exemption is reasonable and consistent with the purpose of Regulation 17 and requested that the Board approve the Application as submitted; and

WHEREAS the Board is satisfied that an exemption to Regulation 17 to provide service to Carol Automotive Ltd. as requested should be approved based on Hydro’s assessment that the impact of the additional load does not pose concerns with respect to the delivery of reliable service to the region.

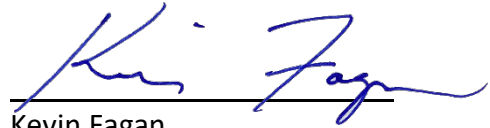
¹ The members of the Island Industrial Customer Group are Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited, Braya Renewable Fuels (Newfoundland) LP, and Vale Newfoundland and Labrador Limited.

² The members of the Labrador Interconnected Group are the communities of Sheshatshiu, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Wabush, and Labrador City.

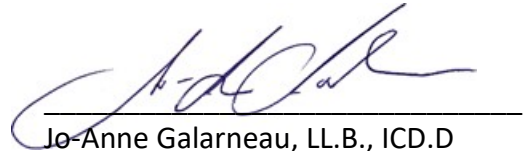
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. An exemption to Regulation 17 to provide additional service to Carol Automotive Ltd. is approved
2. Hydro shall pay all expenses of the Board arising from this Application.

DATED at St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, this 28th day of September 2026.



Kevin Fagan
Chair and Chief Executive Officer



Jo-Anne Galarneau, LL.B., ICD.D
Commissioner



Mike McNiven
Board Secretary