

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ENERGY CORPORATION OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HELD IN THE BOARDROOM, SIXTH LEVEL, HYDRO PLACE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7th, 2008 AT 12:30 P.M.

**Present in
Person:**

**J. Ottenheimer, Chair
C. Bennett
C. Kieley
K. Marshall
E. Martin
G. Shortall
E. Turpin**

**Present by
Telephone:**

T. Clift (1:00)

**Present by
Invitation for
Part of the
Meeting:**

**Derrick Sturge, Vice-President
Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Gilbert Bennett, Vice-President
Lower Churchill Operations**

Secretary:

W. Chamberlain

34. CONSTITUTION OF THE MEETING

Notice for the meeting was sent on February 18, 2008. A quorum of Directors being present, the meeting was declared duly called and validly constituted for the transaction of business.

D. Sturge joined the meeting.

35. SAFETY MOMENT

E. Martin completed a safety moment on safety culture with respect to the Corporation and its non-regulated subsidiaries.

36. VERIFICATION OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the **SECOND** and **THIRD** meetings held on November 23, 2007 and December 4, 2007, respectively, had been included in the meeting papers circulated prior to the meeting.

On motion duly made by G. Shortall, seconded by E. Turpin and unanimously carried, it was resolved:

THAT the minutes of the **SECOND** and **THIRD** meetings of the Board of Directors of Energy Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador held on November 23rd and December 4th, 2007, respectively, which minutes are currently before this meeting, be and they are hereby verified as being correct; and

THAT the Chairman be and he is hereby authorized to verify the minutes by signing the Minute Book.

37. BUSINESS ARISING

No business arising.

38. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**39. Audit Committee**

G. Shortall reported that there was nothing further to add than was reported to the Board of Directors of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro earlier in the day.

G. Bennett joined the meeting.

40. BUSINESS UNIT REPORTS**41. Lower Churchill Update**

G. Bennett made a Lower Churchill Update presentation that was not included in the pre meeting Board papers however, is attached in Board papers files.

E. Martin advised that although the next several months are critical with respect to the Decision Gate process there is no commitment to proceed with project sanction at this time.

G. Bennett reviewed the current status of the various functional areas of the Lower Churchill Project including commercial, engineering, environmental and aboriginal activities. In addition, markets and market access matters were reviewed, including the proposed refinery and its load requirements. G. Bennett noted that an analysis has been completed with respect to four industrial aluminum smelter customers that have expressed an interest in the project and a term sheet is near ready for presentation to these customers.

T. Clift joined the meeting.

G. Bennett advised that with respect to the Ontario market, OPA is considering taking energy as required rather than a firm take-or-pay basis. The Corporation is currently evaluating non-firm transmission from HQT to meet OPA requirements.

Work is progressing under the MOU with Emera and Nova Scotia Power. An MOU is currently being prepared with New Brunswick Power, which has an interest in both a base and peak load. Transmission access would be either through Quebec or by the Maritime route.

With respect to the water management agreement the amendments to the Electrical Power Control Act and the associated regulations are not yet proclaimed. Once proclaimed negotiations will be commenced with CF(L)Co and failing agreement there is provision for referral to the PUB.

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G. Bennett briefly reviewed the current status and milestones with respect to engineering, environmental and aboriginal matters. He also provided an update with respect to the budget both historically and with respect to 2008. The outlook on the budget until Project sanction was reviewed. A detailed breakdown of the 2008 Budget/Forecast Cost Flow was also reviewed and approved.

On motion duly made by G. Shortall, seconded by E. Turpin and unanimously carried, it was resolved:

THAT the Budget for the Lower Churchill Project to June 30, 2008 be approved for an amount up to \$28.3 million.

G. Bennett left the meeting.

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Business Development Update

E. Martin also reviewed the activities related to the Ramea WHD and the Board requested an update as to when the Corporation will be seeking a patent with respect to the development of this technology.

43. OTHER BUSINESS



Messrs. Martin, Sturge and Chamberlain left the meeting for the in camera meeting of the Board.

44. IN CAMERA

Messrs. Martin, Sturge and Chamberlain returned to the meeting after conclusion of in camera meeting. The Chair complemented Mr. Martin and Management with respect to the value of work being undertaken to inform the Board on such matters.

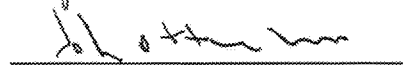
45. TERMINATION

There being no further business the meeting terminated.


Secretary

Verified at a meeting held on

April 24, 2008


Chair

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