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# 2007/08 Annual Report

# **Vision Statement**

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- We will be profitable and financially strong, following sound business practices, and providing an economic return to our shareholder.
- We will continue to educate our customers on energy conservation initiatives and work to reduce our own energy usage by encouraging energy conservation within NTPC.
- We will be a major contributor to the future energy plan for the Northwest Territories and partner with communities on local energy plans.
- We will be a major contributor, working with partners, to the development and operation of new energy resources in ways that meet the North's unique environmental needs.
- We will continue to be a full-service utility, generating, transforming and distributing power in a maximum number of communities.
- We will be a great place to work innovative, proactive and driven to meet the expectations of our shareholder, customers and communities.

#### **Mission Statement**

Position the core business for future sustained, profitable growth through:

- Customers Providing extraordinary value and service to our customers, providing them with reliable service and fostering efforts to conserve energy.
- Communication Establishing and advocating strategies which support open, timely and informative communication to build the support of customers and other stakeholders for the achievement of our corporate Vision.
- Return Controlling costs over the long term while consistently delivering 100 percent of forecast net income.
- Employees Strengthening the Corporation by emphasizing employee development and encouraging and supporting a workplace where employees feel valued and recognized for their efforts.
- Environment Demonstrating environmental leadership, implementing costeffective energy conservation and alternative energy programs and maintaining our facilities to a high environmental standard.
- Growth Implementing 1 or 2 growth opportunities, adequately resourced.

In achieving the Corporation's Vision Statement and objectives, we will endeavour to:

- be cost effective in the utilization of all resources, always remembering that we are spending the customer's money;
- strive to increase shareholder value in the long-term;
- be responsive to our customers and their changing needs;
- act ethically and honestly treating employees, customers and others with fairness, dignity and respect;
- commit to the safety and development of our employees by balancing the needs of customers with the needs of our families and ourselves;
- respect and protect the environment in all our activities to ensure a sustainable environment for the NWT; and
- communicate in an open and timely manner.

#### Message from the Chairman

The Board of Directors of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) wishes to extend to its customers a large thank you for their support and understanding over the 2007-08 operating year. The Board also recognizes and appreciates the outstanding effort our dedicated staff made to keep our service efficient and reliable throughout the year. Both customer or employee support should ever be taken for granted, and the Board of Directors of NTPC takes maintaining this support as their number one priority.

The filing of our first General Rate Application in three years provided an opportunity to review our operations with our customers and regulators. The outcome of this review was both confirmation of our operating efficiency and advice on how to improve it even further. The approved revenue increases were in line with inflation over the three years since the last GRA based rate changes.

World oil price increases impact all of us and these oil price increases have had, and will continue to have, a significant impact on power rates in the NWT. NTPC has worked hard to reduce its dependency on diesel generation and increase the efficiency of its diesel consuming equipment. Seventy-five per cent (75%) of NTPC generation is now hydro based and a further ten per cent (10%) is generated by natural gas.

No matter how efficient and innovative NTPC becomes, the reality will remain that the price of electrical power and other basic commodities such as food, heating fuel, and gasoline in our remote communities will remain high. Isolation, small sizes, vast distances, and an underdeveloped transportation system all contribute to high prices. The Board of Directors of NTPC welcomes the Government of the Northwest Territories' current initiative to review NWT electrical power rates, regulation and subsidies. Furthering our understanding of our operating environment, our system and our options can only help us in our common quest to bring down the cost of living.

Each year provides its particular challenges and 2007-08 was no exception. The NWT experienced one of its coldest winters in recent years and our staff made an exceptional and successful effort to maintain our system and service in these harsh conditions. Customers also felt the cost impact of higher consumption during the cold snaps. Over the past few years NTPC has provided free energy audits and conservation advice to its residential and commercial customers. We believe this service has helped mitigate the impact of consumption pressures on our customers.

With rising world oil prices, an overheated western Canada economy, climate change, increasing regulatory requirements, technological advances and changing customer needs and preferences the challenge of providing safe reliable power increases each year. NTPC is up to the challenge.

Lew Voytilla Chairman

# Message from the President

As I look back at 2007/08, I am inspired by what the Corporation has achieved under less than desirable conditions. We were in a state of flux on two fronts – our general rate application process continued and we awaited a final decision from the regulator in order to bring some financial certainty to the Corporation. At the same time, we underwent a computer system conversion, replacing an obsolete system with a web-based model. Most of our financial and information technology resources were consumed with the accurate conversion of historical data and learning new processes to ensure the accuracy of current and future reporting. To many, including our customers, our challenges were unseen, with no noticeable change in what we do best which is "keeping the lights on".

The Corporation has performance standards that it measures each year. Here are some of the results for 2007/08:

- Safety: Regrettably, for the first time in 4 years, we recorded lost time accidents. Three lost time accidents and fifty five lost time days were recorded in 2007/08. While this is still a low number for an integrated utility, we remain committed to our goal of zero accidents and we will focus efforts in 2008/09 to get us back on track with our goal.
- Environmentally sound: We kept our greenhouse gas emissions significantly below 1990 levels, and continued assessment and remediation of our sites to continue to minimize our environmental impact. Hazardous material spills were the second lowest in the past six years which is a trend we hope to continue into 2008/09.
- Cost effective and profitable: We surpassed our goals for net income and paid a \$3.5 million dividend to our shareholder, the GNWT. This dividend is used by the GNWT for the Territorial Power Support Program (TPSP), which helps reduce the cost of power in the north's smallest and most remote communities. This year's dividend brings the total dividends paid, to \$79 million since the GNWT purchased the Corporation in 1988/89.
- Reliable: Our systems were available to customers 99.97% of the time despite being one of the most difficult operating areas in Canada.
- Customer service: Our annual survey confirmed that overall the majority of customers are satisfied or more than satisfied with the service they receive from NTPC. The results were down somewhat from the prior year but that was not unexpected considering that rate increases were implemented in 2007/08. We will be looking to bring these results up in 2008/09.
- Customer needs: This year we travelled to most of the major communities and brought in leadership outside of the larger centres to discuss our rate application and the costs of doing business. We also standardized how we report outages to improve the information flow to customers. We faced some hurdles in implementing our new billing system and I would like to recognize the patience and understanding of our customers as we worked to get back on track with regular billing cycles. During this time, we turned off penalty interest and traveled to a number of communities to meet with customers. We added extra resources and are now on track with our billing. It is our hope that the new bill features will make it easier for customers to manage their energy consumption and we will continue to provide them with information on how to conserve.

We are an electric utility, delivering service in many small isolated communities. Our business would look quite different if all of the customers we served were in one service area, connected to a grid that could readily tap into other sources of generation. If that were the case, virtually all of the electricity we delivered would be from low cost environmentally friendly hydro power or gas. At the present time, supplying all of our customers with hydro electricity is not an option. In the year ahead we will continue to work to be as efficient as possible, to deliver reliable service to our customers and to meet or exceed our performance targets.

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Leon Courneya President and CEO

#### Our Communities, Our Commitment.

NTPC has a huge operational presence in the Northwest Territories, but our community commitment doesn't stop there. The Corporation also reinvests thousands of dollars into our communities through donations and sponsorships.

Our sponsorship and donations program invests in a variety of community oriented events and organizations with a primary focus on areas of sport, healthy lifestyles, education, arts and culture, and environment. Wherever possible, the Corporation identifies sponsorships that benefit northern youth.

#### **NTPC Sponsorships**

Tuktoyaktuk Wind Energy Conference NWT Basketball Association (BNWT) End of the Road Music Festival NWT Track and Field Championships Yellowknife Community Foundation Native Communication Society of the NWT Arctic Winter Games **NTPC Donations** 

Ft. Simpson High Performance Soccer

L. Norwegian School **Bompas Elementary School** Community Government of Wha Ti Lutsel K'e Dene Band Behchoko Spookarama St. Pat's High School - Super Soccer YK Racquet Club The Cure - Cancer research donation CNIB – Blindness research donation JBT Elem. School Deninu School FR Relay for life FS Animal Society The Artists of the South Slave Society FS Minor Hockey Hospital Activity Book for children FS Skating Club Legion Nov 11 wreath Legion Grey Cup party Hay River Minor Hockey Hay River Gymnastics Club **Diavik Charity Auction** Hay River Corporate Hockey Challenge Donated LED lights to customers in Inuvik as part of the Energy Efficiency Conference. Town of Hay River Swimming and skating Fort Smith Biathlon - Corporate Apartment HR

Prospects North NWT KidSport Program RCMP D.A.R.E Program

Fort McPherson Peel River Jamboree Fort McPherson Snowshoe Club (team Jackets) Inuvik Hospital Activity book Inuvik Oil and Gas trade show Run for the Cure Hay River Fire Department Hay River Playschool **NWT Literacy Council** NWT Chamber of Commerce Aurora Open Annual Golf Tournament De Beers Charity Golf Tournament Kiwanis/Rotary Auction Fireman's Ball Royal Canadian Legion #250 Diamond Jenness Parent Action Comm. Festival of Trees Corporate Challenge Golf Tournament Lynette Storoz Memorial Tournament Hay River Speedway **Historical Society** Hay River Ski Club End of The Road Music Festival **RCMP HR Halloween Dance** NWT Association of Communities

Festival of trees Hay River Soup Kitchen

:	2008 LONG SERVICE AWARD	S RECIPIENTS	
EMPLOYEE	POSITION TITLE	PLANT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Deans, Bill	Meter Technician	Yellowknife	25 years
Saunders, Brian	System Operator	Inuvik	20 years
Leguerrier, Yves	Plant Operator	Fort Smith	20 years
Jonasson, Gerald	Plant Superintendent	Lutsel K'e	15 years
Dosedel, Wilma	Customer Service Rep	Inuvik	15 years
Hofmann, Melissa	Human Resource Officer	Hay River	15 years
Gardiner, Vern	Stockkeeper	Hay River	15 years
Burgin, Robert	Electrician/Operator	Yellowknife	15 years
Leblanc, Wayne	Power line Coordinator	Fort Simpson	15 years
Munro, Donna	Human Resource Officer	Hay River	15 years
Goucher, Judy	Director, Finance & CFO	Hay River	10 years
Haist, Greg	Manager, Projects	Hay River	10 years
Tkachyk, Wally	Mechanical Eng. Tech.	Hay River	10 years
Lafferty, Charlene	Financial Planning Technician	Hay River	10 years
Bouchard, Suzanne	Accounts Receivable Technician	Hay River	10 years
Eldridge, Robert	Plant Superintendent	Sachs Harbour	10 years
Dies, Laura	Customer Service Rep (P/T)	Yellowknife	10 years
Hansen, Debbie	Manager, Customer Service	Fort Smith	10 years
Wilson, Harald	Electrical Tech/Plant Operator	Yellowknife	10 years
Riche, Mark	Electrical Engineer	Hay River	10 years
Biggar, Peter	Mechanical Engineer	Hay River	10 years
Bennett, Marilyn	Customer Service Rep	Fort Smith	10 years
McNeely, Stanley	Plant Superintendent	Ft. Good Hope	10 years

# 2008 LONG SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

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Courtoreille, Terence	Manager, Financial Plan & Coord	Hay River	10 years
Gostick, Bill	IT Help Desk Consultant	Hay River	5 years
Roche, Todd	Customer Service Manager	Ft. Simpson	5 years
Rocher, Roberta	HR Officer (Developmental Opportunity)	Yellowknife	5 years
Janz, Craig	Diesel Mechanic/Operator	Yellowknife	5 years
Hardisty, Eric	Plant Superintendent	Fort Liard	5 years
Brown, Terry	Manager, Finance, Admin & Customer Serv.	Yellowknife	5 years
Huculak, Darren	Mgr, Project Develop. & Finance	Corp Office	5 years
Higgs, Steve	Heavy Duty Mechanic/Operator	Yellowknife	5 years
Smith, Edward	Environmental Analyst	Hay River	5 years
Myers, Mike	Powerline Co-ordinator	Yellowknife	5 years
Neyelle, Julia	Admin Assist/AP Clerk	Inuvik	5 years
Berrub, Myra	Coordinator, Business & Energy Development	Hay River	5 years
Simpson, Marvin	Electrician	Inuvik	5 years

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

The following Discussion and Analysis is intended to provide an historical and prospective analysis of the Corporation with 2007/08 financial performance as the primary focus. Management assumes full responsibility for the information provided in this Discussion and Analysis and confirms that appropriate information systems, procedures and controls are in place to ensure that the information provided is both complete and reliable. These comments should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this report.

# **Description of the Corporation's Operations**

The Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC or Corporation) is a Crown Corporation and is a public agency under the *Financial Administration Act*. This year represents the first year of operating under its new corporate structure. NTPC is now owned by the Northwest Territories Hydro Corporation (NT Hydro) which in turn is 100% owned by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT). NT Hydro is also a public agency and now owns, in addition to NTPC, NWT Energy Corporation (03) Ltd (NTEC(03)) and Sahdae Energy Ltd (Sahdae). NTEC(03) and Sahdae were previously subsidiaries of NTPC. The new structure has been adopted to facilitate the development of hydro on an unregulated basis while protecting the GNWT's investment in NTPC.

Under the *Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act*, it is the responsibility of the Corporation to generate, transform, transmit, distribute, deliver, sell and supply energy throughout the Northwest Territories (NWT) on a safe, economic, efficient and reliable basis. The Corporation is regulated by the Northwest Territories Public Utilities Board (PUB).

The Corporation set objectives and strategies in 2007/08 to be efficient and effective while maintaining or improving reliability, delivering quality customer service, operating safely and protecting the environment. In addition, the Corporation continued to work with aboriginal partners to explore hydro development opportunities. The shareholder set the strategic direction which encompassed the core regulated utility business as well as the development of hydro.

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#### **Discussion of Objectives and Strategies for 2007/08**

#### Environment and Safety

The Corporation continues to deliver services in an environmentally responsible manner. The Corporation's spill record, with a total volume of 3,587 litres, was the second lowest we have achieved. The Corporation is now recycling glycol which both lowers its costs and improves our impact on the environment.

After several years of continuing improvement in the safety area we experienced four lost time accidents in 2007/08 which has resulted in an increase in our five year accident severity rate from 10.65 lost time days per 200,000 hours to 17.2. We upgraded our safety orientation program, adding an interactive teaching and testing tool, increasing emphasis on site specific orientation and expanding our policies to include contractors. Also for the first time a designated training period was set to deliver the many types of mandatory training staff require. The Corporation's objective remains to be accident free and an increased emphasis will be placed on safety in 2008/09.

The Corporation's Risk Management Committee continues to play a greater role in overseeing the environmental and safety audit program in an effort to mitigate safety and environmental risks. Improvements continue to be made in the area of greenhouse gas emissions reduction. The Corporation is 58% below its 1990 levels for greenhouse gas emissions. Improved engine efficiency, full year operation of our third gas engine in Inuvik and streetlight conversion projects were the main initiatives completed in 2007/08 aimed at further emission reduction.

In June 2006 a dyke at Snare Forks breached and deposited silt into the lake below the dyke. NTPC immediately closed the breach and over the past two years has worked closely with regulators to remediate the erosion damage caused by the breach. In addition, all dykes have been surveyed to ensure no other problems exist. NTPC is in negotiation with the Crown on charges under the Fisheries Act for the breach and expects this matter will be resolved in court during 2008/09.

#### Reliability, Customer Service and Energy Conservation

Under the objectives of improved reliability and quality customer service, NTPC responded to numerous challenges during the year. Record cold temperatures in January and February made it particularly difficult to maintain hydro service to Yellowknife. Despite bitter cold weather, accessibility constraints and ancillary events that negatively impacted efforts to restore power, the Corporation worked with customers to minimize impacts and prevent third party damages. From the customer's perspective the lights were on 99.97% of the time and when the lights did go out, the average time to restore power was 15 minutes.

The Corporation is also concerned about providing high quality customer service. In 2007/08 the customer survey was completed shortly after the conversion to a new billing system and during a time of high fuel costs with numerous riders on customer's bills to recover the higher cost of fuel and recently increased rates. The new billing system implementation was not without its challenges however we are back on track with our billing cycle and in 2008/09 we will be providing customers with additional bill-education materials to assist them to understand the bill

and make use of the new features such as the monthly consumption graph and the conservation rate information.

The result of the 2007/08 customer survey indicated that 83% of residential and commercial customers (2006/07 85% and 91%) were satisfied or better with their overall service. NTPC continues to take pride in these results however we did note a 10% decrease in customers who provided a good or very good rating and we will be working to improve this result in 2008/09.

Included in the Corporation's strategies to improve customer service were, streetlight conversions; customer communication – newsletters, community meetings and customer appreciation events, communiqués and briefings on rates and riders; customer service training; public awareness notices of power safety issues and delivery of power safety program in schools; and sponsorships and donations – NWT track and field championships, NWT Basketball Association Junior and Senior tournaments, Open Sky Festival, Kid Sport and over one hundred other miscellaneous donations to causes primarily aimed at youth.

In addition, this year, the Corporation sponsored the first Breast Cancer "Relay for Life" fund raiser in Hay River. Employees also rose to the challenge and entered a team in the relay, raising \$33,000 of the over \$200,000 total raised in support of breast cancer research. NTPC service goes beyond providing reliable power - we work and live in the north and we are committed to contribute to the quality of life in the north.

#### Cost Effective Energy

In 2007/08, the Corporation produced 71% of its generation with hydro and 18% with diesel. The remainder was a mix of purchased natural gas power and gas generation.

Although more expensive than hydro, diesel generation remains the most cost effective way to provide safe reliable power to small communities. This means that rising fuel prices, combined with a small customer base, will continue to impact the price of electricity. In 2001/03 when rates were last set crude oil was \$30 per barrel. During the 2006/08 General Rate Application (GRA) rates were set based on \$80 barrel oil. Unfortunately oil has continued to increase and the summer resupply for 2008/09 was done with oil at \$125 per barrel.

Even after increasing rates to reflect higher fuel costs, two rate riders remain in place (diesel communities and Inuvik) to recover the cost differential in fuel prices over what is included in rates. These riders will have to be increased and additional riders put in place in Yellowknife and Norman Wells to offset the higher fuel costs. The Corporation has fuel stabilization funds that track the difference between the price of fuel used for rate setting purposes and the actual fuel price used to provide service.

Yellowknife is served by hydro generation and rates are based on average water. Water stabilization funds and fuel stabilization funds were established in 1997. The balances in the funds have been such that no riders have been put in place for these funds since their inception. In 2008/09 riders will be required to collect the costs in the water stabilization fund that have built up since 1997 as well as in the diesel fund.

#### Profitability, financial strength and sound business practices

The Corporation's return on average equity for 2007/08 was 9.7% before Other Comprehensive Income. The target return on regulated equity approved by the Public Utilities Board (PUB) was 9.25%. In addition to profitability, the Corporation sets a number of performance measures designed to measure differing aspects of corporate performance. In 2007/08 performance targets were set for system reliability, efficiency, safety, human resource retention and financial results. The 2007/08 Objectives and Strategies were set to maximize performance in each category.

Performance Measure	Long Term Target	2007/08 Expected Results	2007/08 Actual Results	2008/09 Expected Results
Debt/ (Debt + Equity)	55/45	58/42	55/45	56/44
Plant Efficiency	3.60	3.59	3.66	3.66
Operating Cost per kWh generated	17 -19 cents/kWh	17.5 cents/kWh	17.97 cents/kWh	18.0 cents/kWh
Safety – Average lost workdays per 200,000 hrs worked – last 5 years	0	2.6	17.2	8.36
System Availability	100%	99.98%	99.97%	99.98%
Net Staff Turnover	9.0%	6.3%	3.8%	9.0%

# Energy Planning

NTPC is working with the GNWT to explore mini hydro projects and wind power as additional methods to reduce diesel generation. During 2008/09 three studies will be undertaken to investigate the potential to utilize the residual heat from diesel engines. NTPC is also assisting the GNWT in its review of Rates, Regulation and Subsidies.

NTPC also put out a call for proposals for the private sector to develop a demonstration wind project in the NWT. A long lead time was purposely incorporated into the proposal call to allow prospective respondents to put together a plan and develop partnerships for this project. There is keen interest in wind energy for the NWT and further developments are expected in 2008/09.

In order to prepare for distributed generation, such as wind, NTPC applied for approval of interconnection standards and will also be putting forward a proposal for stand by rates in 2008/09.

# Full-service utility

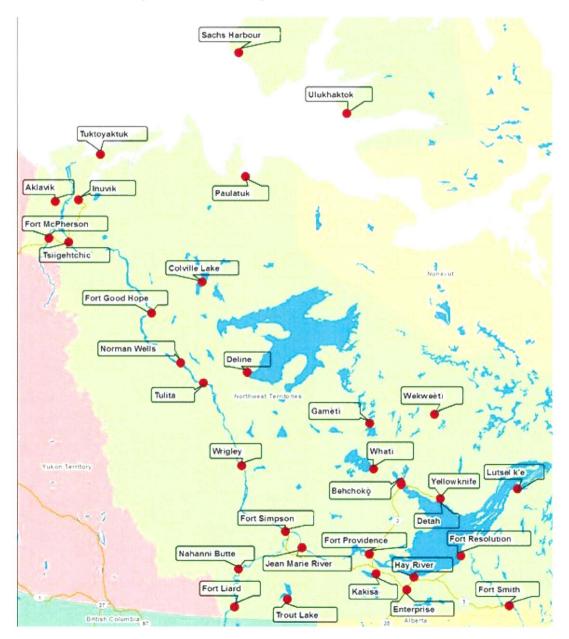
The Corporation distributes electricity to the end use consumers in 26 of 31 communities and supplies electricity on a wholesale basis to 2 distributing utilities, which in turn retail electricity to customers in Yellowknife, and the Hay River Area. The Corporation's facilities include hydroelectric, diesel and natural gas generation plants, transmission systems, and numerous isolated electrical distribution systems. The Corporation also owns and operates alternative energy assets used for the supply of residual heat, solar power and co-generation.

The insert map of Canada illustrates the operating area of the Corporation, a land area that rivals the largest province in Canada. The detailed map highlights the isolation of many of the communities that we serve – some accessible only by air, barge or winter road. The population is divided among the communities, 25 of which have a population less than 1,000 and only 6 of the 31 communities have more than 1,000 persons, none greater than 20,000. Total electrical load is approximately 68 MW with isolated power systems having generating capacities ranging from 65 MW at Snare/Yellowknife to 240 kW at Colville Lake and with the exception of the two small

hydro grids these systems are isolated and unconnected, each must be planned for and operated independently.

# Meeting our workforce needs

Planning for the future also includes succession planning. All senior and middle management positions have succession plans that are updated annually and that include plans for on the job and advanced training to help develop our workforce from within. Within the utility industry there are some positions that are extremely difficult to recruit to and these pose a different challenge. The Corporation initiated a line apprenticeship program in 2004/05 and this program continues in place. Of the five apprentices that started the program, one has achieved journeyman status as a line person and one achieved journeyman status in another trade. During 2007/08 three more apprentice positions were added for the electrical and mechanical trades. The apprentice programs are aimed at working with northerners. We provide access to education and skills training that might not otherwise be available and in return, we gain a trained employee who has ties to the north and is likely to be with us for years to come.



#### **Financial Results**

Net income for 2007/08 is \$9.003 million, an increase from 2006/07 of \$2.558 million. The corporate restructuring (transfer of NTEC(03) and Sahdae to NT Hydro) is responsible for \$0.8 million of this increase. The 2006/07 losses in these companies is reflected in NTPC's results but these companies are not included in the consolidated 2007/08 results.

The Corporation recorded electricity sales of \$82.5 million in 2007/08 (not including fuel rider revenue), up \$5.8 million or 7.6% from the prior year. Extremely cold winter weather contributed to sales increases in all customer categories. Prices were also up approximately 7% from 2006/07 as the result of the completion of the GRA.

Other revenues were constant year to year. Operating expenses for 2007/08 included a \$2.5 million fuel expense recorded as an offset to the fuel rider revenue therefore having no impact on net income. Absent that amount operating expenses were up \$2.9 million from 2006/7. The increase was led by a \$1 million increase in fuel expense due to the increased sales and increase in fuel prices permitted under the GRA. Salaries and wages were up \$0.8 million mainly attributable to the new collective agreement. During the year NTPC negotiated a four year collective agreement expiring December 31. 2011. This agreement has inflation increases of 4%, 4%, 4.5% and 4.75% January 1 of each year of the agreement. The balance of expenses increased in line with inflation.

Interest expense is up \$0.3 million from the prior year due to an increase in interest on short term debt. The Corporation converted \$25.0 million in short term debt to long term after the year end. In 2008/09 NTPC will retire the March 9, 2009 11% bond. Funds to repay this debt have been set aside in the sinking fund.

NTPC adopted the accounting requirements for financial instruments. Transitioning to these new requirements resulted in a decrease to Shareholder's equity of \$0.1 million. As sinking fund debentures begin to be repaid (\$55 million will be repaid over the next 4 years) the amount of investments in sinking funds will be greatly reduced. The Corporation no longer issues sinking fund debentures.

As a result of its regulated operations NTPC operates numerous regulatory accounts (e.g. fuel stabilization funds, deferral accounts, etc.). As a result of this regulatory treatment and amounts outstanding from the GRA the Corporation has \$23.5 million in regulatory assets that it is funding. Interest is received on these investments. Over the next 2 years the Corporation will be applying to collect over half of this amount.

Under its new corporate structure NTPC now pays a dividend to its parent, NT Hydro, in addition to continuing to pay a dividend to the GNWT to fund the Territorial Power Support Program. The 2007/08 dividend to NT Hydro of \$0.8 million is similar to the expenses NTPC incurred when NTEC(03) and Sahdae were subsidiaries of NTPC.

# General Rate Application 2006/08

The Corporation finalized its Phase I GRA in May 2008 a year after the public hearings were completed. Riders are in place that will see the revenue shortfall from 2006/07 collected by December 2008. The Corporation still needs approval for riders to collect 2007/08's \$7.9 million receivable. An application for this along with a Phase II application to finalize rates will be made August 15, 2008. The interim rates in place since January 2008 are recovering NTPC's full operating costs.

In addition to these temporary riders to collect shortfalls additional riders will be needed to collect increased fuel expense caused by rising prices and decreased hydro generation due to low water.

# **Financing Activities**

The Corporation funded its capital program and regulatory costs with short term debt. Short term debt increased \$20.1 million from 2006/07. A long term bond issue was finalized August 1, 2008 for \$25 million to convert short debt related to capital projects.

Collection of the regulatory assets during 2008/09 will reduce the need for short term debt funding in 2008/09.

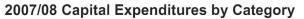
# **Capital Expenditures**

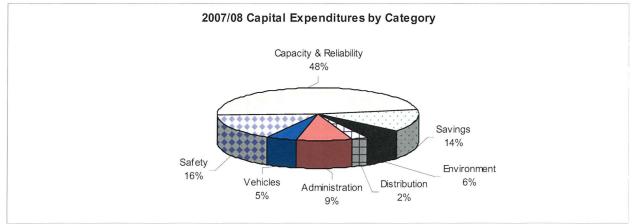
Each year the Corporation makes an investment in its capital infrastructure to replace assets that have reached the end of their useful lives. In 2007/08 the Corporation's capital program totaled \$16.9 million with the majority of projects aimed at maintaining or improving reliability. The capital identified for 2008/09 continues the trend with most projects in the category of capacity and reliability.

Major projects undertaken during 2007/08 included continued work to refurbish the Snare Rapids hydro facility originally constructed in 1948, upgrades to the Bluefish hydro facility acquired in 2003 but originally constructed in 1938 and completion of a new diesel plant in Aklavik. The Corporation continues to upgrade its fuel handling system to reduce the risk to the environment. Two new portable gensets were acquired to increase the reliability of our service. A multi year project is also underway to replace the SCADA system that monitors and controls hydro sites and to add control over diesel sites.

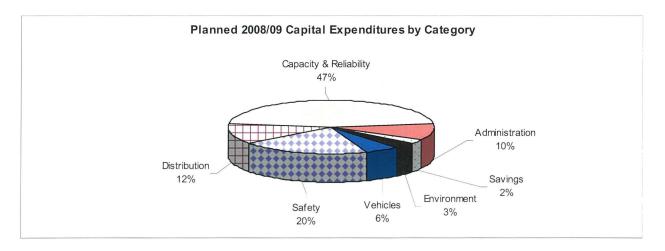
2008/09 will see a continuation of the refurbishments and upgrades at the hydro sites and the implementation of new SCADA systems. The transmission line to Fort Resolution will be upgraded to provide 3 phase power to the community. Substantial work required as a result of dam safety reviews will also be undertaken.

The following charts illustrate the breakdown of capital spending by category for 2007/08 and the planned spending in 2008/09 which totals \$18.1 million.





# Planned 2008/09 Capital Expenditures by Category



# Outlook for 2008/09

The Corporation may see some increased sales from spin off activity related to diamond mine construction or oil and gas exploration but has insufficient information at this time to quantify the impact. We anticipate that there will be more competition for labour, materials, equipment and supplies and logistical constraints due to limited transportation infrastructure. At this time, sales growth is not expected to keep pace with these inflationary pressures and the Corporation will need to adjust rates to reflect increased costs in the near future.

The Corporation will continue to implement the new accounting and work management system. Work will begin on the implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards that will apply to NTPC in its 2012 year. These projects will involve significant internal and external resources and are aimed at improving resource allocation, customer service and business opportunity response.

Safety and environment will continue to be emphasized in fiscal 2008/09. An extra effort will be made to ensure NTPC's safety record returns to its historical low level. The Corporation will continue to implement its ISO 14001 environmental management system.

2008/09 will see the need for numerous riders to collect the GRA shortfall from 2007/08 as well as increased fuel costs. NTPC will continue to provide customers with energy efficiency information to assist them in lowering their consumption, the best way to lower their overall costs. NTPC will also continue to support the review of mini hydro projects and the wind demonstration project. NTPC will also provide support to the GNWT as it undertakes its review of how rates are set, general utility regulation and its overall subsidy program.

Negotiations will continue with the Tlicho on the development of the next hydro site to serve Yellowknife. Negotiations will also continue with Fortune Minerals to provide power to their Nico Mine under development near our Snare hydro system.

NTPC's six hydro sites are 70, 60, 50, 45, 35 and 12 years old and will need substantial investment to upgrade them over the next 10 years. This program is currently underway and will continue for many years to come.

Our strategic plan is updated regularly to adapt to the changing environment but holds to the long term vision. We continue to look for ways to improve our service to Customers and to focus our resources to provide environmentally sound, safe, reliable, cost-effective energy and related services in the territories.

Judit Lowkin

Judith Goucher Director, Finance & CFO

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# Management's Responsibility for Financial Reporting

The accompanying consolidated financial statements were prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Where GAAP permits alternative accounting methods, management has chosen those it deems most appropriate in the circumstances. The Northwest Territories Power Corporation ("NTPC" or "the Corporation") is regulated by the Public Utilities Board of the Northwest Territories, which also examines and approves its accounting policies and practices with respect to recovery of assets and expenses. Financial statements include certain amounts based on estimates and judgments. Management has determined such amounts on a reasonable basis in order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects. Management has prepared financial information presented elsewhere in the annual report and has ensured that it is consistent with that in the consolidated financial statements.

The Corporation maintains financial and management systems and practices which are designed to provide reasonable assurance that reliable financial and non-financial information is available on a timely basis, that assets are acquired economically, are used to further the Corporation's aims, are protected from loss or unauthorized use and that the Corporation acts in accordance with the laws of the Northwest Territories and Canada. Management recognizes its responsibility for conducting the Corporation's affairs in accordance with the requirements of applicable laws and sound business principles, and for maintaining standards of conduct that are appropriate to a territorial Crown corporation. An internal auditor reviews the operation of financial and management systems to promote compliance and to identify changing requirements or needed improvements.

The Auditor General of Canada provides an independent, objective audit for the purpose of expressing her opinion on the consolidated financial statements. She also considers whether the transactions that come to her notice in the course of the audit are, in all significant respects, in accordance with the specified legislation.

The Board of Directors appoints certain members to serve on the Audit and Efficiency Committee. This Committee oversees management's responsibilities for financial reporting and reviews and recommends approval of the consolidated financial statements. The internal and external auditors have full and free access to the Audit and Efficiency Committee.

The consolidated financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors.

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Leon Courneya, FCA President & CEO

Hay River, NT October 31, 2008

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Judith Goucher, MA Director, Finance & CFO



Auditor General of Canada Vérificatrice générale du Canada

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation

I have audited the consolidated balance sheet of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation as at March 31, 2008 and the consolidated statements of operations, shareholder's equity, and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at March 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the *Financial Administration Act*, 1 report that, in my opinion, these principles have been applied, except for the change in the method of accounting for financial instruments as explained in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Further, in my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Corporation and its whollyowned subsidiaries and the consolidated financial statements are in agreement therewith. In addition, the transactions of the Corporation and of its wholly-owned subsidiaries that have come to my notice during my audit of the consolidated financial statements have, in all significant respects, been in accordance with Part IX of the *Financial Administration Act* of the Northwest Territories and regulations, the *Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act*, and the by-laws of the Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, with the exception that the Corporation did not meet its statutory deadline for submitting its annual report to its Minister as described in the following paragraph.

Section 100 of the *Financial Administration Act* of the Northwest Territories requires the Corporation to submit its annual report to its Minister not later than 90 days after the end of its financial year, or an additional period, not exceeding 60 days, that the Minister of Finance may allow. The Corporation did not meet its statutory deadline for the year ended March 31, 2008.

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Sheila Fraser, FCA Auditor General of Canada

Ottawa, Canada September 26, 2008 except as to Note 23 which is as at October 31, 2008

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Consolidated Statement of Operations For the year ended March 31 (\$000's)

	 2008	 2007
Revenues Sale of power GRA shortfall rider (Notes 4 and 23) Fuel riders applied against the GRA shortfall (Note 4) Fuel riders (Note 4) Other revenues (Note 5)	\$ 70,617 7,742 4,095 2,585 1,386	\$ 64,115 7,795 4,759 2,680 1,339
	86,425	80,688
Expenses Fuels and lubricants Fuel offset to rider revenue (Note 4) Salaries and wages Amortization (Note 6) Supplies and services Travel and accommodation	 18,719 2,527 18,594 13,222 11,305 2,197	 17,758 2,601 17,759 12,861 10,795 1,995
	 66,564	 63,769
Earnings from operations	19,861	16,919
Interest income	 162	 236
Earnings before interest expense	20,023	17,155
Interest expense (Note 7) Net income	\$ 11,020 9,003	\$ 10,710 6,445
Other comprehensive income Unrealized gains on available-for-sale marketable securities	374	-
Reclassification of losses on available-for-sale marketable securities to income Other comprehensive income	 (58) 316	 
Comprehensive income	\$ 9,319	\$ 6,445

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

#### Consolidated Statement of Shareholder's Equity For the year ended March 31 (\$000's)

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	 2008		2007
Share capital (Note 18)	\$ 43,129	\$	43,129
Retained earnings			
Retained earnings at beginning of year	45,578		42,633
Adjustment for NTEC(03) and Sahdae transfer to NT Hydro (Note 1)	4,390		-
Net income	9,003		6,445
Transition adjustment on adoption of financial instruments			
standards (Note 3)	(482)		-
Dividends declared (Note 18)	(4,300)		(3,500)
Retained earnings at end of year	54,189		45,578
Accumulated other comprehensive income	 		
Balance at beginning of year			
Transition adjustment on adoption of financial instruments	-		-
standards (Note 3)	382		_
Other comprehensive income	316		
Accumulated other comprehensive income at end of year	 		
recommended other comprehensive meetine at end of year	 698	-	-
Shareholder's equity at end of year	\$ 98,016	\$	88,707

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

#### Consolidated Cashflow Statement For the year ended March 31 (\$000's)

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	2008		2007
\$	86,845	\$	70,809
	(69,637)		(45,486)
	162		236
	(14,029)		(12,477)
	3,341		13,082
	(16,607)		(16,555)
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	-		2,193
	(16,607)		(14,362)
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	(1,105)		(1,067)
			(2,000)
			(3,500)
			4,800
	15		(23)
	-		1,045
	13,620		(745)
	354		(2,025)
	335		2,360
\$	689	\$	335
		\$ 86,845 (69,637) 162 (14,029) 3,341 (16,607) (16,607) (16,607) (1,105) (1,910) (3,500) 20,120 15 - 13,620 354 335	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

#### As at March 31 (\$000's) 2008 2007 Assets Property, plant and equipment (Note 9) 333,615 \$ 316,220 \$ Plant in service Less accumulated amortization (90,700) (83,259) 242,915 232,961 Construction work in progress 6,442 13,352 249,357 246,313 Current assets Cash 689 335 Accounts receivable (Note 10) 21.075 17.848 Inventories 4,412 3,464 491 507 Prepaid expenses 26,667 22,154 Other long-term assets Due from NT Hydro and other intercompany accounts 9,387 Sinking fund investments (Note 11) 45,924 41,681 Regulatory assets (Note 4) 23.523 11.659 Other 643 78,834 53,983 \$ 354,858 322,450 \$ Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity Long-term debt Long-term debt, net of sinking fund investments (Note 12) 84,322 110,297 \$ \$ Sinking fund investments (presented as assets) 45,924 41,681 Net lease obligation (Note 13) 1,446 1,461 131,692 153,439 Current liabilities Short-term debt (Note 14) 32,920 12,800 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities 21,771 16,377 Dividends payable (Note 18) 4,300 3,500 Current portion of long-term debt (Note 12) 21,153 1,105 80,144 33,782 Other long-term liabilities Regulatory liabilities (Note 4) 34,745 33,955 Asset retirement obligations (Note 15) 5,461 4,325 Environmental liabilities (Note 16) 3,240 3,240 Employee future benefits (Note 17) 2,350 2,437 Deferred government contributions 1,775 45,006 46,522 98,016 Shareholder's equity 88,707 \$ \$ 354,858 322,450

Commitments and contingencies (Note 19)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Lew Voytilla

Chairman of the Board

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**Consolidated Balance Sheet** 

Director

# Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements For the year ended March 31 (\$000's)

# 1. Authority and operation

In 2007/08 the Northwest Territories Power Corporation (NTPC) went through a corporate restructuring and a new parent company, the Northwest Territories Hydro Corporation (NT Hydro) was established in 2007 under the *Northwest Territories Hydro Corporation Act.* The new structure has been adopted to facilitate the development of hydro on an unregulated basis while protecting the Government of the Northwest Territories' (Government or GNWT) investment in NTPC. The restructuring also involved the transfer of two subsidiaries, the Northwest Territories Energy Corporation (03) Limited (NTEC(03)) and Sahdae Energy Ltd. (Sahdae) from NTPC to NT Hydro. The assets and liabilities of both NTEC(03) and Sahdae were transferred from NTPC to NT Hydro, a related party, at their respective carrying values as there was no substantive change in ownership. NT Hydro is a public agency under Schedule B of the *Financial Administration Act* of the Northwest Territories and is exempt from income tax. The Government owns all shares of NT Hydro.

NTPC is established under the *Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act*. NTPC is a public agency under Schedule B of the *Financial Administration Act* and is exempt from income tax. NT Hydro is the parent company and holds all of the common shares of NTPC. The GNWT owns one preferred share of NTPC.

NTPC operates hydroelectric, diesel and natural gas generation facilities on a self-sustaining basis to provide utility services in the Northwest Territories. NTPC has two subsidiaries, the Northwest Territories Energy Corporation Limited (NTEC) and 5383 NWT Ltd. NTEC, under the authority of the *Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act*, financed the Dogrib Power Corporation in 1996 for the construction of a 4.3 MW hydro facility. NTEC is also responsible for the operation, management and shared ownership (50%) in one residual heat project in Fort McPherson. 5383 NWT Ltd. is an inactive company.

In 2006/07 NTPC had two additional wholly-owned subsidiaries, NTEC(03) and Sahdae. Effective June 30, 2007, NTEC(03) is now wholly-owned by NT Hydro and has two operations, the development of hydro electric business opportunities outside the regulated business and an investment in Deze Energy Corporation, which is pursuing the development of a hydroelectric project to provide power to the diamond mines. Sahdae is now wholly-owned by NT Hydro and its mandate is to pursue a hydro development project on the Great Bear River to provide power to the potential Mackenzie Valley gas pipeline.

#### Consolidation

For 2007/08 these consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NTPC and its wholly owned subsidiaries NTEC and 5383 NWT Ltd. For 2006/07, the consolidated statements include the accounts of NTPC and its wholly owned subsidiaries, NTEC, 5383 NWT Ltd., NTEC(03) and Sahdae.

NTPC and its subsidiaries account for interests in jointly controlled entities using the proportionate consolidation method.

# 2. Accounting policies

These consolidated financial statements were prepared by management in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

# Rate regulation

NTPC is regulated by the Public Utilities Board (PUB) pursuant to the *Public Utilities Act*. The PUB regulates matters covering rates, financing, accounting, construction, operation, and service area. As the PUB is a board appointed by the GNWT, and NTPC is a public agency of the GNWT, NTPC and the PUB are related parties. Although the PUB and NTPC are related parties, the GNWT can only provide administrative guidance to the PUB and cannot give specific direction to the PUB on a case before them. Therefore, the PUB is independent of NTPC.

The PUB uses cost of service regulation to regulate NTPC's earnings on a rate of return basis. In the 2006/08 General Rate Application (GRA) the PUB approved an allowed rate of return of 9.25% for 2007/08. As actual operating conditions will vary from forecast, actual returns achieved may differ from approved returns.

The PUB is required by the *Public Utilities Act* to review the affairs, earnings and accounts of NTPC a minimum of every three years. The regulatory hearing process used to establish or change rates typically begins when NTPC makes a GRA for its proposed electricity rate changes. Normally, NTPC applies for rates in advance of the applicable fiscal years (Test Years) to which the new rates will apply. In addition to GRAs, interim applications may be used between GRAs to deal with circumstances which could result in the use of interim rates or riders until the next rate application when rates are reviewed and set as final.

#### Revenues

All revenues for energy sales, including wholesale power, are recognized in the period earned. Revenue from the sale of power is recognized based on cyclical meter readings. Sales of power include an accrual for electricity sales not yet billed. Interest, contract, contribution and other revenues are recognized on the accrual basis.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at original cost less accumulated amortization and unamortized contributions by utility customers to aid in the construction and acquisition of property, plant and equipment. Costs include materials, direct labour and a proportionate share of directly attributable overhead costs.

Certain regulated additions are made with the assistance of cash contributions from customers when the estimated revenue is less than the cost of providing service. These contributions are amortized on the same basis, and offset the amortization charge of the assets to which they relate. NTPC retains ownership of these assets.

As a result of using the group method of accounting for amortization, when an asset is retired or disposed of, the retirement of these assets is charged to the accumulated amortization with no gain or losses reflected in operations. Gains or losses arising from exceptional circumstances are included in earnings.

Tangible and intangible assets are reviewed annually to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss.

# Amortization

Amortization of property, plant and equipment is provided on the straight-line average group useful life basis, at rates which are approved by the PUB, a portion of which is accounted for as a reserve for future removal and site restoration costs. Amortization is suspended when assets are removed from service for an extended period of time.

Included in amortization expense and regulatory liabilities is a reserve for future removal and site restoration. The account will be applied to mitigate the impact of asset dismantling and disposal costs and site restoration costs that are not otherwise related to an asset retirement obligation and environmental liabilities.

Amortization rates are as follows:

		%	
Electric power plants	1.16	-	5.25
Transmission and distribution systems	1.09	-	4.66
Electric power plant under capital lease	1.16	-	1.54
Warehouse, equipment, motor vehicles and general facilities	1.76	-	9.76
Other utility assets	2.50	-	20.00
Other			20.00

#### Inventories

Fuels and lubricants and materials and supplies are valued at weighted average cost. Obsolete inventory is recorded at salvage value in the period when obsolescence is determined.

# Public Service Pension Plan

Employees participate in the Public Service Pension Plan (the Plan) administered by the Government of Canada. Employer contributions to the Plan are expressed as a factor of employees' contributions. The factor may fluctuate from year to year depending on the experience of the Plan. Employer contributions are charged to operations on a current basis and represent the total pension obligations. There is no requirement to make contributions with respect to actuarial deficiencies of the Plan.

# Employee future benefits

Under the terms and conditions of employment, employees may earn non-pension benefits for resignation, retirement and ultimate removal costs based on years of service. The benefits are paid upon resignation, retirement or death of an employee. The expected cost of providing these benefits is recognized as employees render service. The cost of the benefits reflects management's best estimates using expected compensation levels and employee leave credits.

#### Asset retirement obligations

On an annual basis, NTPC identifies legal obligations associated with the retirement of its property, plant and equipment. The fair value of the future expenditures required to settle the legal obligations are recognized to the extent that they are reasonably estimable and are calculated based on the estimated future cash flows necessary to discharge the legal obligations and discounted using NTPC's credit adjusted risk-free rate.

The fair value of the estimated asset retirement obligations are recorded as a liability under other long-term liabilities with an offsetting asset capitalized and included as part of property, plant and equipment. The asset retirement obligations are increased annually for the passage of time by

calculating accretion (interest) on the liability using NTPC's credit adjusted risk-free rate. The offsetting capitalized asset retirement costs are amortized over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

NTPC has identified some asset retirement obligations for its hydro, thermal transmission and distribution assets where NTPC expects to maintain and operate these assets indefinitely. Therefore, no removal date can be determined and consequently a reasonable estimate of the fair value of any related asset retirement obligations for these assets cannot be made at this time.

# **Environmental liabilities**

Environmental liabilities consist of the estimated costs related to the management and remediation of environmentally contaminated sites. NTPC recognizes environmental liabilities when it is obligated or likely to be obligated to incur such costs and the costs of remediation can be reasonably estimated. NTPC reviews its estimates of future environmental liabilities on an on-going basis.

# Government contributions

The contributions approved for purchasing property, plant and equipment are recognized as a deferred capital contribution and are amortized into income on the same basis as the amortization of the related property, plant and equipment. All other contributions are recognized as revenue in the year the contributions are spent.

# Measurement uncertainty

To prepare these consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP; management has made a number of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities and the cost to complete capital projects in progress. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Significant estimates include amortization of assets, employee future benefits, fair values of financial instruments, regulatory assets and liabilities, asset retirement obligations and environmental liabilities.

Management's estimates and assumptions regarding regulatory assets and liabilities and the timing of NTPC's ability to recover the cost of these assets through future rates, are subject to decisions of the PUB as described in Note 4.

# **Financial instruments**

NTPC adopted the following policies with respect to the recognition and measurement of financial instruments.

Classification of financial instruments:

Upon adopting Section 3855, NTPC classified each of its financial assets as held-for-trading, available-for-sale, loans and receivables or held-to-maturity and each of its financial liabilities as held-for-trading or other financial liabilities.

#### Held-for-trading

A financial instrument that is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term is required to be classified as held-for-trading. NTPC classified cash, short-term investments, bank indebtedness and short-term debt, derivatives and embedded derivatives as held-for-trading. These items are recorded at their fair value with realized and unrealized gains and losses recorded in interest income.

#### Available-for-sale

Assets that are not actively traded, but may still be sold as a result of changes in market conditions or for liquidity purposes are classified as available-for-sale. NTPC classified its equity investments as well as its fixed income investments, other than immunized investments, as available-for-sale. These assets are recorded at fair value with any unrealized gains and losses recorded in other comprehensive income. As the gains and losses are realized, they are recorded in interest income.

#### Loans and receivables

Financial assets that are not actively traded are required to be classified as loans and receivables and accounted for at amortized cost using the effective interest method. NTPC classified its accounts receivable as loans and receivables.

#### Held-to-maturity

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets, other than those assets that meet the definition of loans and receivables, with fixed or determinable payments and a fixed maturity, which an entity has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. NTPC classified its immunized investments as held-to-maturity. These assets are recorded at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

#### Other financial liabilities

NTPC classified its long-term debt as other financial liabilities, which is accounted for at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

#### Other policy decisions

NTPC recognizes its regular-way purchases or sales (those which require actual delivery of financial assets or financial liabilities) on the trade date.

Transaction costs, other than in respect of held-for-trading items, are added to the initial fair value of the acquired financial asset or financial liability. Transaction costs for held-for-trading assets or liabilities are expensed as incurred.

#### Hedging relationships and derivative financial instruments

NTPC may enter into interest rate and commodity swaps to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in interest rates and commodity prices. NTPC does not enter into any derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes. As NTPC does not account for these contracts using hedge accounting, these instruments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income.

# Future accounting changes

#### Financial instruments

In December 2006, the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) issued two new accounting standards: Section 3862, Financial Instruments – Disclosures, and Section 3863, Financial Instruments – Presentation, which will become effective for NTPC beginning fiscal year 2008/09. Section 3862 and Section 3863 will replace Section 3861, Financial Instruments – Disclosure and Presentation. The presentation requirements prescribed by Section 3863 are consistent with the requirements of Section 3861. The adoption of Section 3862 will result in enhanced disclosures with respect to risk management policies as well as the nature and extent of risk arising from financial instruments. These risks typically include credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk.

#### Capital disclosures

In December 2006, the CICA also issued accounting standard Section 1535, Capital Disclosures, which will become effective for NTPC beginning fiscal year 2008/09. Section 1535 will result in both quantitative and qualitative disclosure, and will enable users to evaluate an entity's objectives, policies and processes for managing financial capital.

# International financial reporting standards

In 2006 the Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) of Canada announced its intention to adopt International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as Canadian GAAP for publicly accountable entities. In early 2008, the AcSB announced that the changeover date for full adoption of IFRS will be January 1, 2011. NTPC is currently assessing the impact to the consolidated financial statements of adopting IFRS.

#### Inventories

In June 2007, the CICA issued Section 3031, Inventories, which will affect the measurement and disclosure of inventory. The measurement changes include the requirement to measure inventories at the lower of cost and net realizable value, the use of the specific cost method for inventories that are not ordinarily interchangeable or goods and services produced for specific purposes, the requirement for an entity to use a consistent cost formula for inventory of a similar nature and use, and the reversal of previous write-downs to net realizable value when there is a subsequent increase in the value of inventories. Disclosures of inventories will also be enhanced. Inventory policies, carrying amounts, amounts recognized as an expense, write-downs and the reversals of write-downs are required to be disclosed. This Section is effective for fiscal year 2008/09. NTPC is currently evaluating the impact of this new recommendation.

#### 3. Changes in accounting policies

#### **Financial instruments**

On April 1, 2007, NTPC adopted three new recommendations of the CICA Handbook: Section 1530, Comprehensive Income, Section 3855, Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement and, Section 3865, Hedges. The adoption of these standards resulted in changes in the accounting for financial instruments as well as transition adjustments to opening retained earnings and opening accumulated other comprehensive income. Comparative figures for prior periods have not been restated. Section 3865, Hedges, had no impact as NTPC does not account for its derivatives using hedge accounting.

#### a) Transition adjustment

In accordance with the new standards on April 1, 2007, where appropriate, our financial assets and liabilities were re-measured with the adjustment recorded in either opening retained earnings or opening accumulated other comprehensive income.

	ned earnings ise/(decrease)	compre	Imulated other hensive income ase/(decrease)
Classification of sinking fund investments Held-for-trading	\$ (509)	\$	-
Available-for-sale	-		382
Adjustment for effective interest method	 27		-
	\$ (482)	\$	382

# 4. Financial statement effects of rate regulation

As a result of rate regulation, the regulatory accounting policies adopted by NTPC differ from the accounting policies typically followed by unregulated entities. Specifically, policies in relation to regulatory assets and liabilities and amortization policies are different. A description and summary of the financial statement effects of rate regulation follows. The PUB has approved the accounting treatments described below.

# **Regulatory assets and liabilities**

Regulatory assets and liabilities in these consolidated financial statements are accounted for differently than they would be in the absence of rate regulation.

Where regulatory decisions dictate, NTPC defers certain costs or revenues as assets or liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet and records them as expenses or revenues in the consolidated statement of operations in order to match these expenses and revenues against the amounts collected or refunded through future customer rates. Any adjustments to these deferred amounts are recognized in net income in the period that the PUB renders a subsequent decision.

Regulatory assets represent future revenues associated with certain costs, incurred in the current period or in prior periods, which are expected to be recovered from customers in future periods through the rate-setting process. Regulatory liabilities represent NTPC's estimate of future costs to dispose of assets and remediate its sites and the amounts directly paid by customers for assets. These liabilities reduce the future rate impact to customers.

# Regulatory assets

				Remaining
		2008	 2007	recovery period
Rate stabilization funds	\$	7,388	\$ 3,018	Determined by PUB
Reserve for injuries and damages		3,029	2,597	Determined by PUB
Regulated employee future benefits		2,323	1,952	Determined by PUB
Regulatory costs		1,668	1,231	Determined by PUB
Financing cost		894	967	25 years
Water licensing deferral account		704	600	Determined by PUB
Snare Cascades deferral account		470	707	Determined by PUB
Other regulatory assets		137	200	Determined by PUB
Normalized overhaul costs		(967)	(1,187)	Determined by PUB
2006/07 GRA receivable (a)		-	1,574	9 months
2007/08 GRA receivable	-	7,877	 -	Determined by PUB
	\$	23,523	\$ 11,659	

(a) 2006/07 GRA receivable is currently \$750 and is classified under accounts receivable (see Note 10).

# Rate stabilization funds

The Rate stabilization funds were established by the PUB in 1997/98 through Decision 1-97. The funds mitigate the impact on utility rates from changes in diesel and natural gas fuel prices as well as fluctuations in hydro generation caused by water levels. The impact of any increases or decreases in

fuel prices or hydro generation over the PUB approved amounts is deferred. The deferred amounts are accumulated until the PUB specified limits are reached and management's judgement deems the recovery (refund) appropriate, at which time rate-riders are applied, with PUB approval, to recover or refund the amounts necessary to bring the funds back to the approved limits. The remaining recovery period is indeterminate as the amounts deferred in the account depend on the market price of fuel and water levels on the Snare and Yellowknife river systems. Traditionally, once the PUB specified trigger limits are reached, the recovery period of the balance of the rate stabilization fund receivable (payable) has been 12 - 24 months.

In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that actual fuel expenses be included in the operating results of the year that they are incurred. In 2007/08, fuel expenses were deferred and consequently lower due to the differences in fuel prices of \$2,863 (2007 - \$870) and the volume of available water generation of \$3,566 (2007 - \$214). The net interest revenues accrued on the balance of the funds also decreased interest expense by \$231 (2007 – \$191).

There were four fuel stabilization fund rate riders in effect in 2007/08. These riders collected revenues related to fuel expenses deferred in prior years. In 2007/08 these riders collected \$6,385 (2007 – \$7,056) of which \$4,095 (2007 – \$4,759) was reported as fuel riders applied against the 2007/08 GRA shortfall. The remaining amount of the riders collected of \$2,290 (2007 - \$2,297) was reported as fuel rider revenues with an offsetting and equal charge to fuel expense.

The net effect of rate regulation on net income was an increase of \$4,370 (2007 – decrease of \$1,022).

# Reserve for injuries and damages

The Reserve for injuries and damages includes costs for uninsured and uninsurable losses and the deductible portion of insured claims. The remaining recovery period is indeterminate as the amounts deferred to the account depend on the types and size of emergencies NTPC faces during a given year. In the 2006/08 GRA, the PUB approved \$670 to be included in annual expenses for this fund. In 2007/08 actual costs deferred to this account totalled \$1,102 (2007 - \$688). In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the actual cost of these events be expensed as they occurred. The net effect of rate regulation on net income was an increase of \$432 (2007 - \$18).

#### Regulated employee future benefits

Regulated employee future benefits represent benefits accrued under employment agreements since April 1, 2001. The remaining recovery period is indeterminate as the amounts deferred to the account depend on the rate at which hires, retirements, terminations and new employment agreements contribute to Employee Future Benefits (see Note 17). In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the actual cost of these events be expensed as they occurred. The net effect of rate regulation on net income was an increase of \$371 (2007 - \$68).

# **Regulatory costs**

Regulatory costs include all third party costs and staff overtime, supplies, services and travel NTPC incurs directly related to GRAs and related regulatory proceedings. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the actual regulatory costs be expensed as they were incurred. The remaining recovery period is indeterminate as the amounts deferred to the account depend on the actual regulatory costs NTPC incurs and this will vary from year to year as regulatory issues arise. In the 2006/08 GRA, the PUB approved \$600 to be included in annual expenses for this fund. In 2007/08 actual costs deferred to this account totalled \$1,037 (2007 - \$599). The net effect of rate regulation on net income was an increase of \$437 (2007 - decrease of \$1).

# Financing cost

The financing cost relating to the issuance of a long-term debt is amortized on a declining balance basis over the 30 year term of the related debt. There are 25 years remaining in the term of the related debt. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the financing cost be expensed when incurred. The effect of rate regulation on net income was a decrease of \$73 (2007 - \$76).

# Water licensing deferral account

The Water licensing deferral account was established in PUB Decision 13-2007. This account is set up to mitigate the uncertainty around the costs to acquire and maintain water licenses associated with the Taltson hydro plant, Bluefish hydro plant and the Snare Hydro system. In the 2006/08 GRA, the PUB approved \$137 to be included in annual expenses for this fund. Costs allocated to this account in 2007/08 totalled \$241(2007 - \$102). In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the cost of these events be expensed or capitalized as they occurred. The net effect of rate regulation on net income was an increase of \$104 (2007 – decrease of \$116).

# **Snare Cascades deferral account**

The Snare Cascades deferral account eased the impact on utility rates resulting from the Snare Cascades project being added to the rate base in 1997. The increase in costs caused by the hydro project addition to the rate base, net of savings from displaced diesel generation, was deferred for five years to be amortized over the next ten years to 2011. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the actual cost of operations resulting from operating the Snare hydro system with the addition of Snare Cascades be expensed in the year incurred. A portion of the rider is to cover the costs of financing the balance in the fund, therefore the revenues and fuel expense resulting from the implementation of the Snare Cascades rider are not offsetting. In 2007/08 as a result of the increase in fuel expense, the effect of rate regulation on net income was a decrease of \$237 (2007- \$304). The rider rate set to collect the balance in this fund was adjusted early in 2006 to draw the collection term out to 2011.

# Other regulatory assets

Other regulatory assets include costs incurred for intangible assets that create a long term benefit to customers. These costs are subject to recovery from the customers through PUB decisions. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the actual cost of these events be expensed as they occurred. The remaining recovery period is indeterminate as the amounts deferred to the various accounts depend on what issues arise during the year. The amortization of the various accounts to deferred charges amortization is done on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from 5 to 10 years. Consequently, in the absence of rate regulation, operational expenses would decrease by \$12 (2007 – 0) and annual amortization expense would decrease by \$51 (2007 - 72). The net effect of rate regulation on net income was a decrease of \$63 (2007 – 72).

# Normalized overhaul costs

Normalized overhaul costs include costs over the life of the assets to overhaul hydro, diesel and natural gas units. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the actual overhaul costs be expensed as they were incurred. In the 2006/08 GRA, the PUB approved \$1,693 to be included in annual expenses for this fund. The balance in the account will depend on the frequency and the cost of overhauls and therefore the recovery period is considered to be indeterminate. In 2007/08 actual costs deferred to this account totalled \$1,913 (2007 - \$804). The net effect of rate regulation on net income was an increase of \$220 (2007 – decrease of \$889).

#### 2006/07 GRA receivable

Phase I of NTPC's 2006/08 GRA is complete. The PUB approved a revenue shortfall for 2006/07 of \$6,590 which is the net amount after applying \$4,759 fuel rider revenue and \$1,205 interim rate rider revenue to the shortfall balance. The PUB also approved a rate rider and collection period. NTPC collected \$5,840 of the net receivable in 2007/08. The current portion of the 2006/07 GRA shortfall receivable balance was transferred to accounts receivable and will be collected by December 31, 2008.

# 2007/08 GRA receivable

The PUB approved a GRA revenue shortfall for 2007/08 of \$7,877 which is the net amount after adding \$138 of interest receivable and applying \$4,095 fuel rider revenue to the shortfall balance. In Decision 16-2008 the PUB also approved interest on the 2006/07 and 2007/08 GRA shortfalls and directed NTPC to make application in 2008/09 for a rider to collect the remaining 2007/08 shortfall.

#### Fuel rider revenues

Rider revenues with an associated fuel expense:

	2008				2007							
	Rider Associated revenues fuel expense		Rider							Rider		sociated
			re	venues	fuel	fuel expense						
Rate stabilization funds	\$	2,290	\$	2,290	\$	2,297	\$	2,297				
Snare Cascades deferral account		295		237		383		304				
-	\$	2,585	\$	2,527	\$	2,680	\$	2.601				

#### **Regulatory liabilities**

	2008	 2007	Remaining settlement period
Reserve for Future Removal and Site Restoration	\$ 30,294	\$ 30,969	Determined by PUB
Deferred revenues	 3,661	 3,776	Determined by PUB
	\$ 33,955	\$ 34,745	-

#### Reserve for future removal and site restoration

The Reserve for future removal and site restoration is a deferral account that records the funds collected from customers for the future removal of assets and the restoration of the NTPC's operating sites that are not otherwise related to an asset retirement obligation or environmental liabilities. This reserve increases annually using PUB approved amortization rates applied over the estimated useful lives of the related assets on a straight-line average group useful life basis. Due to the long term nature of the assumptions made in deriving these estimates, the amortization rates applied are periodically revised and updated for current information. Actual costs incurred in a given year for asset removals and site clean up are charged to this account.

The remaining recovery period is indeterminate due to the amounts added to the fund and the amounts drawing down the balance of the fund each year. The amount by which the fund is drawn down each year depends on which assets are removed from service in that year, the cost of disposal, the site restoration projects undertaken in the year and the costs associated with those projects. The fund is built up each year based on the following rates and the balance in plant, property and equipment of those asset categories:

	%
Electric power plants	0.00 - 2.11
Transmission and distribution systems	0.00 – 1.88
Electric power plant under capital lease	0.00 - 0.26
Warehouse, equipment, motor vehicles and general facilities	(0.74) – 0.35

In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that future removal and site restoration costs would be limited to asset retirement obligations and environmental liabilities and the removal and site restoration costs would be expensed in the year incurred if they did not relate to an asset retirement obligation or environmental liabilities. In the absence of rate regulation NTPC's 2007/08 expenses would have been higher by the amount of the removal and site restoration costs deferred in the year of \$1,225 (2007 - \$858). Amortization expenses were \$1,686 (2007 - \$1,616) higher than they would be in the absence of rate regulation. The net effect of rate regulation on net income is a decrease in the amount of \$461 (2007 - \$758).

#### **Deferred revenues**

Deferred revenues reflect contributions to aid in the construction and acquisition of property, plant and equipment. Deferred revenues are amortized on the same basis as the related property, plant and equipment, and the resulting credit is offset against the corresponding provision for amortization of property, plant and equipment (Note 6). In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that the contributions received in a given year be recorded in revenues for that year and amortization expense would not be offset by the amortization of the deferred revenues. The remaining recovery period is indeterminate as the account is increased each year by new contributions received from customers and drawn down by the straight-line amortization of the account balance. The amortization rates for deferred revenues are the same as those found in Note 2 under *Amortization*. In 2007/08, revenues were \$277 (2007 - \$245) lower than they would have been and amortization on property, plant and equipment was \$392 (2007 - \$396) lower than it would have been in the absence of rate regulation. The net effect of rate regulation on net income is an increase of \$115 (2007 - \$151).

#### Capitalized allowance for funds used during construction

The PUB allows NTPC to capitalize an allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC) based on the most recent PUB approved cost of capital which is 9.674% for 2007/08. The AFUDC rate includes a component for the return on equity. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would require that Interest During Construction (IDC) be capitalized based on the related cost of debt instead of an AFUDC. Therefore AFUDC as recorded by NTPC is higher than it would be in a non-regulated operation, as is the subsequent amortization of the capitalized equity component. Capitalized AFUDC is recorded as an offset to interest expense (Note 7). Due to the complexities in the calculation, it is not possible to make a reasonable estimate of the carrying value of the equity component of AFUDC to determine the impact of amortization on net income. In 2007/08, approximately \$372 (2007 - \$430) was capitalized as the return on equity component of the capitalized AFUDC based on NTPC's most recent PUB approved cost of capital structure.

## The total net effect of rate regulation on net income is as follows:

	2008	2007
Rate stabilization funds	\$ 4,370	\$ (1,022)
Reserve for injuries and damages	432	18
Regulated employee future benefits	371	68
Regulatory costs	437	(1)
Financing cost	(73)	(76)
Water licensing deferral account	104	(116)
Snare Cascades deferral account	(237)	(304)
Other regulatory assets	(63)	(72)
Normalized overhaul costs	220	(889)
Reserve for future removal and site restoration	(461)	(758)
Deferred revenues	115	151
Equity component of AFUDC	372	430
Total increase (decrease) in net income due to rate regulation	\$ 5,587	\$ (2,571)

### 5. Other revenues

	2008	2007
Contract work	\$ 474	\$ 447
Pole rental	249	266
Interest on GRA shortfall	222	-
Connection fees	187	193
Heat revenues	123	141
Miscellaneous	84	244
Government assistance (a)	47	48
	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,339

a) NTPC has agreements with the territorial and federal governments to provide funding assistance to offset costs incurred in its apprenticeship, rate review and micro turbine programs. The funding provided under these agreements in 2008 was \$47 (2007 - \$48).

# 6. Amortization

	2008	2007
Property, plant and equipment	\$ 10,390	\$ 10,033
Deferred revenues (Note 4)	(392)	(396)
Regulatory assets and deferred charges (Note 4)	3,224	3,224
	\$ 13,222	\$ 12,861

## 7. Interest expense

	2008	2007
Interest on long-term debt	\$ 13,084	\$ 13,158
Short-term debt financing costs	857	451
Sinking fund income	(2,114)	(1,878)
Capitalized allowance for funds used during		
construction	 (807)	(1,021)
	\$ 11,020	\$ 10,710

# 8. Insurance proceeds and expenses

In 2007/08, NTPC received \$nil (2007 - \$2,193) cash as settlement for prior year's claims.

# 9. Property, plant and equipment

	2008					2007		
		Cost		cumulated nortization	1	Net Book Value		Net Book Value
Electric power plants	\$	199,644	\$	(54,988)	\$	144,656	\$	132,920
Transmission and distribution systems		70,442		(15, 985)		54,457		54,918
Electric power plant under capital lease		26,342		( 4,729)		21,613		22,019
Warehouse, equipment, motor vehicles								
and general facilities		27,899		(9,564)		18,335		15,556
Other utility assets		4,193		(1,209)		2,984		3,185
Other		5,095		(4,225)		870		4,363
		333,615		(90,700)		242,915		232,961
Construction work in progress		6,442		-		6,442		13,352
	\$	340,057	\$	(90,700)	\$	5 249,357	\$	246,313

Engineering and other direct overhead expenses capitalized during the year amounted to \$1,170 (2007 - \$1,388).

#### 10. Accounts receivable

	2008	2007
Utility	\$ 18,676	\$ 10,075
Non-utility	1,835	3,091
GRA receivable 2006/07 (Note 4)	750	5,017
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(186)	(335)
	\$ 21,075	\$ 17,848

#### 11. Sinking fund investments

Sinking fund investments are held by the Trustee for the redemption of long-term debt. As the sinking funds exist to fund the payout of long-term debt, sinking fund income is treated as a reduction of finance charges and is reflected in interest expense (Note 7).

The sinking fund agreements require annual installments to retire debt at maturity. Fair value information for sinking funds is included in Note 21. NTPC realized a mark to market return of 5.90% (2007 – 5.70%) on the general portfolio of sinking fund investments.

#### General portfolio

Cash and short-term investments include cash and fixed income investments with a term to maturity not exceeding one year. All fixed income securities are investment grade credit. NTPC's sinking fund policy limits investments in equities to 30% of the total sinking fund market value. Equities can be invested in two funds and are well diversified by sector, issuer, region and liquidity.

#### Immunized investments

Between February 2006 and November 2006, NTPC immunized a portion of the sinking fund investments for the redemption of the March 9, 2009, Sinking Fund Debenture. The assets held in Immunized Investments consist of federal government guaranteed securities. NTPC intends to hold these investments to maturity.

	2008		200	17
		Weighted		Weighted
		average		average
		effective		effective
		rate of		rate of
	Class value	return <sup>(1)</sup>	Class value	return <sup>(1)</sup>
Held-for-trading (fair value)				
Cash & short-term investments	\$ 1,361	2.90%	\$ 1,044	4.40%
Available-for-sale (fair value)	0.000	5 700/	0.050	5 770/
Municipal Government guaranteed	2,999	5.70%	3,053	5.77%
Provincial Government guaranteed	3,099	4.98%	2,304	4.89%
Federal Government guaranteed	10,685	4.14%	9,595	4.74%
Corporate bonds	11,142	5.52%	10,683	5.26%
Canadian equities	1,570	(4.98%)	525	3.03%
	29,495		26,160	
Held-to-maturity (amortized cost)				
Federal Government guaranteed	15,068	4.07%	14,477	4.07%
Total	\$45,924		\$41,681	

<sup>1</sup> Canadian equities rate is calculated based on time-weighted, mark to market return. All other rates calculated on market yield for cash and fixed income securities.

# 12. Long-term debt

5.995% debenture, due December 15, 2034       \$ 24,834       \$ 25,000         11% sinking fund debentures, due March 9, 2009       19,993       20,000         10 3/4% sinking fund debentures, due May 28, 2012       19,978       20,000         6.63% amortizing debenture, due December 1, 2032       16,522       17,333         11 1/8% sinking fund debentures, due June 6, 2011       14,949       15,000         5% debenture, due July 11, 2025       14,902       15,000         6.33% sinking fund debentures, due October 27, 2018       9,943       10,000         8.41% sinking fund debentures, due February 27, 2026       8,667       8,700         9.11% debenture series 3, due September 1, 2025 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$73       7,824       7,979         9 3/4% debenture series 2, due October 1, 2025 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$69       6,908       7,048         10% debenture series 1, due May 1, 2025 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$70       151,399       153,083         Less: Current portion       21,153       1,105         Less: Sinking fund investments (a)       29,495       26,6160         Available-for-sale       29,495       26,6160         Held-to-maturity       1,361       1,044         Held-for-trading       1,361       1,044         Long-term debt net of si		2008	2007
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5% debenture, due July 11, 2025       14,902       15,000         6.33% sinking fund debentures, due October 27, 2018       9,943       10,000         8.41% sinking fund debentures, due February 27, 2026       8,667       8,700         9.11% debenture series 3, due September 1, 2026 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$73       7,824       7,979         9 3/4% debentures series 2, due October 1, 2025 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$69       6,908       7,048         10% debenture series 1, due May 1, 2025 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$70       6,879       7,023         151,399       153,083       151,399       153,083         Less: Current portion       21,153       1,105       130,246       151,978         Less: Sinking fund investments (a)       29,495       26,160       15,068       14,477         Held-tor-maturity       15,068       14,477       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681       10,44       10,44	6.63% amortizing debenture, due December 1, 2032	16,522	17,333
6.33% sinking fund debentures, due October 27, 2018       9,943       10,000         8.41% sinking fund debentures, due February 27, 2026       8,667       8,700         9.11% debenture series 3, due September 1, 2026 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$73       7,824       7,979         9 3/4% debentures series 2, due October 1, 2025 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$69       6,908       7,048         10% debenture series 1, due May 1, 2025 repayable in equal monthly payments of \$70       6,879       7,023         151,399       153,083       151,399       153,083         Less: Current portion       21,153       1,105       130,246       151,978         Less: Sinking fund investments (a)       29,495       26,160       151,078         Held-to-maturity       15,068       14,477       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681       45,924       41,681	11 1/8% sinking fund debentures, due June 6, 2011	14,949	15,000
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payments of \$70       6,879       7,023         151,399       153,083         Less: Current portion       21,153       1,105         Less: Sinking fund investments (a)       130,246       151,978         Available-for-sale       29,495       26,160         Held-to-maturity       15,068       14,477         Held-for-trading       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681		6,908	7,048
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Less: Sinking fund investments (a)       130,246       151,978         Available-for-sale       29,495       26,160         Held-to-maturity       15,068       14,477         Held-for-trading       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681		151,399	153,083
Less: Sinking fund investments (a)       29,495       26,160         Available-for-sale       29,495       26,160         Held-to-maturity       15,068       14,477         Held-for-trading       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681	Less: Current portion	21,153	1,105
Available-for-sale       29,495       26,160         Held-to-maturity       15,068       14,477         Held-for-trading       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681		130,246	 151,978
Held-to-maturity       15,068       14,477         Held-for-trading       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681	Less: Sinking fund investments (a)		
Held-for-trading       1,361       1,044         45,924       41,681	Available-for-sale	29,495	26,160
45,924 41,681	Held-to-maturity	15,068	14,477
	Held-for-trading	1,361	 1,044
Long-term debt net of sinking fund investments\$ 84,322\$ 110,297		45,924	41,681
	Long-term debt net of sinking fund investments	\$ 84,322	\$ 110,297

a) \$20,000 from sinking fund investments will be used to retire the 11% debenture due March 9, 2009.

Principal repayments and estimated sinking fund investment requirements for the next five years:

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Principal repayments	\$21,153	\$ 1,202	\$ 1,255	\$16,311	\$21,379
Sinking fund investment contributions	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,810	\$ 1,250

# 13. Net lease obligation

NTEC loaned funds to the Dogrib Power Corporation to finance the construction of a hydroelectric generating plant on the Snare River in the Northwest Territories from 1994 to 1996. The balance of the loan receivable is \$20,193 (2007 - \$20,545). The loan bears interest at an annual rate of 9.6%, which is the average rate of interest on NTEC's long-term debt issued to finance the loan. It is due July 2026 and is repayable, in equal monthly payments of \$195. The loan is secured by a charge against the plant and the lease agreement.

NTPC has an initial 65-year lease for the plant at an imputed interest rate of 9.6% from the Dogrib Power Corporation until 2061. The value of the capital lease obligation is \$21,624 (2007 - \$22,029). To reflect the effective acquisition and financing nature of the lease, the plant is included in electric power plants in property, plant and equipment at an original cost of \$26,342.

Upon consolidation, the loan receivable held by NTEC is offset with the capital lease obligation of NTPC resulting in a net lease obligation of \$1,431 (2007 - \$1,484). As a result, upon consolidation, in

the early years there will be a net payment and in later years there will be a net receipt until such time as the loan receivable is fully repaid in 2026 when only the capital lease obligation payments continue until 2061.

The current portion of the net lease obligation is (\$15) (2007 - \$23) and is recorded in accounts receivable. Fair value information for the net lease obligation is included in Note 21.

The net lease obligation (receipts) / payments over the next five years are:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
(\$15)	(\$57)	(\$104)	(\$155)	(\$211)

# 14. Short-term debt

NTPC has a \$20,000 unsecured line of credit with its bank and on a temporary basis the bank will increase the operating line. NTPC also has access on occasion to short-term funds from its shareholder.

	2008	2007
Bankers acceptances and bank overdraft	\$ 21,420	\$ 4,800
Shareholder's advance	11,500	8,000
	\$ 32,920	\$ 12,800

The short-term debt outstanding at year-end had a weighted average 69 day term (2007 - 68 day term) and a 4.00% (2007 - 4.40%) weighted average annual interest rate.

#### 15. Asset retirement obligations

	2008	2007
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 4,325	\$ 4,215
Additions	1,106	-
Liabilities settled	(68)	-
Accretion expense	 98	110
Balance, end of the year	\$ 5,461	\$ 4,325

Following is a summary of the key assumptions on which the carrying amount of the asset retirement obligations is based:

- Total undiscounted amount of the discounted cash flows \$7,100
- Expected timing of payments of the cash flows majority of expenditures expected to occur after 2030
- Discount rate is the credit-adjusted risk free rate of 5.75%

## 16. Environmental liabilities

NTPC estimates that it would cost approximately \$13,000 to clean-up the environmentally contaminated soil at its 27 sites in the NWT. NTPC has recognized a provision for environmental liabilities of \$3,240 (2007 - \$3,240) for the portion of the remediation costs which it believes it is responsible for based on its analysis of the amount of soil impacted before and after the acquisition of the sites by NTPC on May 5, 1988 from the Northern Canada Power Commission.

### 17. Employee future benefits

NTPC and all eligible employees contribute to the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP). This pension plan provides benefits upon retirement based on years of service and the five best consecutive years of earnings. The benefits are fully indexed to the increase at the Consumer Price Index. NTPC's contributions cover all of the costs associated with the pension obligation.

a) Contributions to the PSPP were as follows:

	2008	2007
Employer's contributions	\$ 1,880	\$ 1,875
Employees' contributions	823	839
	\$ 2,703	\$ 2,714

NTPC provides severance and ultimate removal benefits to its employees based on employee start dates, years of service and final salary. This benefit plan is not pre-funded and thus has no assets, resulting in a plan deficit equal to the accrued benefit obligation.

b) Liability for severance and ultimate removal benefits is as follows:

	2008	2007
Accrued benefit obligation, beginning of the year	\$ 2,437	\$ 2,536
Net increase / (decrease) in obligation for the year	269	(7)
Benefits paid during the year	(356)	(92)
Accrued benefit obligation, end of the year	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,437

### 18. Share capital

	Number of shares	2008	Number of shares	2007
<b>Preferred shares</b> Authorized (Note 1): One preferred share, non-cumulative, without par value				
Issued and outstanding: Issued June 30, 2007 on restructuring (one dollar) (Note 1)	1			-
<b>Common shares</b> Authorized: Unlimited number of voting common shares without par value				
Issued and outstanding: 431,288 common shares	431,288	\$ 43,129	431,288	\$ 43,129

NTPC may only issue its preferred shares to the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Pursuant to Section 29 of the *Northwest Territories Power Corporation Act*, the GNWT directed the Corporation to declare a dividend of \$3,500 (2007 - \$3,500). In addition, NTPC declared a dividend of \$800 (2007 – nil) payable to NT Hydro to fund NTEC(03) and Sahdae expenses.

# 19. Commitments and contingencies

## Capital projects

The estimated cost to complete capital projects in progress, as at March 31, 2008, was \$6,532 (2007 - \$3,404).

#### Natural gas purchase commitment

NTPC has an agreement to purchase natural gas to produce electricity in Inuvik. The minimum obligation is to purchase 5,622,900 m<sup>3</sup> of natural gas per annum until July 2014, consistent with NTPC's operational requirements. The price is calculated annually on August 1 and will depend on the Edmonton Average Unbranded High Sulphur Diesel Price as posted in the Bloomberg Oil Buyers Guide on that date.

#### Fuel management services agreement

NTPC has a fuel management services agreement with the Petroleum Products Division (PPD) of the GNWT. This agreement transfers the fuel inventory and maintenance of fuel tank farms of 20 communities served by NTPC to PPD, consistent with NTPC's operational requirements. As of March 31, 2008, all 20 communities had been transferred under this agreement. The price of fuel changes with the change in market price, the cost of freight and the amount of fuel purchased by NTPC from PPD in a given year.

#### Litigation

NTPC has been named as a defendant in four lawsuits. One action relates to a wrongful dismissal case, which was raised in 1997/98. The second action names NTPC as a co-defendant in a lawsuit involving allegations of negligence and breaches of duty arising out of a snowmobile accident. The lawsuit was raised in November 2004. In the third action NTPC is named as a co-defendant in a lawsuit involving allegations of negligence and breaches of duty arising out of a quad accident. The total liquidated amount of these claims ranges from \$110 to \$459, exclusive of costs and interest. The fourth action was raised in 1999 and names NTPC as a co-defendant with the GNWT and the federal government in a claim for \$45,000 related to the construction of the hydro system on the Taltson River in 1965. It is management's estimate that no significant loss to NTPC will result from any of these four claims. In the event that any of these claims are not settled in favour of NTPC, NTPC has insurance which may cover all or a portion of the settlement cost.

#### Dyke breach

On June 15, 2006, a breach occurred at a dyke in the Snare Forks hydro system when water over topped the dyke. The breach was closed and remediation work on the channel created has occurred with input from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The breach deposited silt into a lake and has impacted fish habitat. NTPC expects to be charged with one count under the *Fisheries Act* of depositing a deleterious substance in water frequented by fish. Penalties for this type of offence can range from nil to \$ 1,000 per occurrence. It is expected this matter will be resolved in court during 2008/09.

### 20. Related party transactions

NTPC is a Territorial public agency and consequently is related to the GNWT and its agencies and corporations. NTPC provides utility services to, and purchases fuel and other services from, these related parties. These transactions are at the same rates and terms as those with similar unrelated customers. Transactions with related parties and balances at year-end not disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements are as follows:

	 2008	 2007
Sale of power and other Purchase of fuel from GNWT Other purchases and payments to GNWT Fuel tax paid to GNWT Dividend paid to NT Hydro	\$ 26,426 16,140 2,541 567 800	\$ 21,303 8,563 1,146 355
Transfer of investment in NTEC(03) and Sahdae to NT Hydro	(4,390)	-
Balances at year end: Accounts receivable Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Shareholder's advance (included in short-term debt) Dividend payable to GNWT Dividend payable to NT Hydro	2,212 8,465 11,500 3,500 800	2,306 3,959 8,000 3,500

### 21. Financial instruments

#### Financial instrument fair value

#### a) Fair value determination

The carrying value of cash, short-term investments, accounts receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and bank indebtedness and short-term debt approximates their fair values due to the immediate or short-term maturity of these financial instruments.

The fair value of sinking fund investments were determined by using published price quotes. The fair value determination for long-term debt and the net lease obligation was estimated based on quoted market prices for Federal government bonds with the same or similar maturities adjusted for the credit spread at the point of issue. As at March 31, 2008, the fair value and carrying value of NTPC's financial instruments are:

	2008		2007	
	Carrying		Carrying	Fair
	value	Fair value	value	value
Long-term debt	\$151,399	\$184,921	\$153,083	\$184,643
Net lease obligation	1,431	3,232	1,484	5,355
Cash and short-term investments	1,361	1,361	1,044	1,044
Corporate bonds	11,142	11,142	10,683	10,660
Federal Government guaranteed	10,685	10,685	9,595	9,490
Provincial Government guaranteed	3,099	3,099	2,304	2,298
Municipal Government guaranteed	2,999	2,999	3,053	3,043
Canadian equities	1,570	1,570	525	541
Immunized investments	15,068	15,231	14,477	14,489
Fixed-floating commodity swap	-	-	-	465

#### b) Impairment

NTPC assesses the decline in the value of the individual investments for impairment to determine whether the decline is other-than-temporary. NTPC makes this assessment by considering available evidence, including changes in general market conditions, specific industry and individual company data, the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and the near-term prospects of the individual investment.

As at March 31, 2008, NTPC does not consider any financial instrument to be impaired. NTPC has \$789 in accounts receivable aged greater than 90 days.

#### c) Currency risk

NTPC is exposed to currency risk by purchasing supplies and capital assets in U.S. dollars. NTPC does not hedge the risk related to fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. and Canadian dollar due to the short-term and relatively small dollar value of the exposure. NTPC is exposed to currency risk by allowing sinking fund investments in U.S. or foreign securities, however no such investments were purchased during the year. NTPC does not hedge this exposure as it has rarely invested in foreign securities.

d) Credit risk

NTPC is exposed to credit risk in its cash, accounts receivable, sinking fund cash, equity and fixed income investments, loan receivable for the Snare Cascades Hydro project and to the credit risk of its derivative financial instrument counterparties that do not meet their obligations. NTPC minimizes the credit risk of cash and sinking fund investments by dealing with only reputable financial institutions and investing in securities that meet minimum credit ratings as stipulated by its investment policy and limiting exposure to any one security or asset class. As at March 31, 2008, excluding Federal Fixed Income securities, all individual sinking fund investments were less than 3% of total sinking fund assets.

NTPC minimizes accounts receivable credit risk by having a collections policy and terms and conditions of service consistent with industry standards. Credit risk is minimized by NTPC's large customer base. Thirty-four percent of the NTPC's sales are to other utilities. Furthermore, an additional 20% of sales are to the GNWT, through the Territorial Power Subsidy Program and Housing Support Program.

NTPC maintains provisions for potential credit losses, and any such losses to date have been within management's expectations. No interest is charged for customers who are current; thereafter interest is at the rate disclosed in the terms and conditions of service.

NTPC minimizes the credit risk of its derivative financial instruments by dealing only with reputable financial institutions. The credit risk for the loan receivable for Snare Cascades was minimized by an assignment of lease payments and the security of the hydro facility itself.

As at March 31, 2008, all of the credit exposure was within Canada.

The table below illustrates the maximum credit exposure to NTPC if all counterparties defaulted on March 31, 2008.

Accounts receivable	\$ 21,075
Sinking fund assets	20,171
DPC loan receivable	20,193

### e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is managed by the use of sinking fund and amortization provisions on nine out of the eleven debentures. It is a prudent policy for any corporation to arrange it's financing in such a manner such that the total amount of debt maturing in any given year does not exceed its ability to borrow in any given year. A policy designed along these lines gives a corporation the maximum flexibility over the use of its cash flow such that both its existing capital expenditure program and its ability to consider any future investment opportunities will not be constrained.

Utilities are capital intensive companies and as such all utilities have a permanent amount of debt to finance their investments. The majority of utilities finance with debt requiring bullet repayments so as to maximize their cash flow and recognize that some of their debt will always exist.

The following table shows the maturities of the NTPC's short and long-term debt as of March 31, 2008.

Timeframe	Doll	<u>ar value</u>
Less than 1 year	\$	54,060
Greater than 1 year and not later than 6 years		41,677
Greater than 6 years and not later than 20 years		60,444
Greater than 20 years		28,138

#### f) Interest rate risk

NTPC is exposed to interest rate risk in that changes in market interest rates will cause fluctuations in the fair value of its short term investments, short-term debt, sinking fund fixed income investments and long-term debt.

NTPC's short-term investments and short-term debt have short maturities and fixed rates, thus their fair value will fluctuate as the funds are reinvested or borrowed at current market interest rates.

All of NTPC's outstanding long-term debt is fixed rate debt and the fair value of fixed rate debt fluctuates with changes in market interest rates but absent early redemption, cash flows do not.

The table below represents the remaining term to maturity of the NTPC's interest sensitive investments.

	Remaining term to maturity				
_Fair value	Within 1 year	1 to 5 years	5 to 20 years	Over 20 years	Total 2008
Sinking fund assets	\$ 1,834	\$ 9,545	\$ 12,677	\$ 5,191	\$ 29,247

#### Sensitivity analysis

NTPC uses duration as a measure of interest rate sensitivity. Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income instrument to a change in interest rates. Duration is expressed as a number of years. Rising interest rates mean falling bond prices, while declining interest rates mean rising bond prices. The bigger the duration number, the greater the interest-rate risk or reward for bond prices.

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	Fair value		Duration	increase		decrease	
Available-for-sale sinking fund fixed income	\$	27,925	6.5	\$	26,109	\$	29,740
Long-term debt		184,921	7.48		171,724		199,490

## 22. Segment information

NTPC has two reportable segments: Regulated operations and Non-regulated operations. Regulated operations include the generation, supply and distribution of energy regulated under the *Public Utilities Act*. Management assesses performance of the regulated operations based on the ability to meet targets set out by the Board of Directors. These targets cover the following areas: net income, customer service, safety and environmental, financial integrity, employee satisfaction, reliability and operational efficiency.

Non-regulated operations include operations from NWT Energy Corporation Ltd. Management assesses performance of the non-regulated operations based on NTEC's ability to achieve its objectives.

	egulated perations	Non- gulated erations	 Total
Year ended March 31, 2008			
Revenues from external sources	\$ 86,379	\$ 46	\$ 86,425
Operating expenses including amortization	66,534	30	66,564
Earnings from operations	19,846	15	19,861
Interest income	159	3	162
Interest expense	10,891	129	11,020
Net income (loss)	9,114	(111)	9,003
Capital expenditures	16,607	-	16,607
<b>As at March 31, 2008</b> Total assets	334,398	20,460	354,858

V	Regulated operations		Non- regulated operations			Total
Year ended March 31, 2007	•	~~ ~~~	•		•	~~ ~~~
Revenues from external sources	\$	80,569	\$	119	\$	80,688
Operating expenses including amortization		62,856		913		63,769
Earnings (loss) from operations		17,713		(794)		16,919
Interest income		236		-		236
Interest expense		10,590		120		10,710
Net income (loss)		7,359		(914)		6,445
Capital expenditures		15,051		1,504		16,555
<b>As at March 31, 2007</b> Total assets		294,450		28.000		322.450
		204,400		20,000		022,400

#### 23. Subsequent events

Phase I of NTPC's 2006/08 GRA is complete. On May 12, 2008 the PUB finalized the revenue shortfalls and interest for both 2006/07 and 2007/08 in Decision 16-2008. The effect of this decision has been reflected in these consolidated financial statements. Phase 2 of NTPC's 2006/08 GRA was filed August 15, 2008. PUB Decision 27-2008 on the Phase 2 Application was received October 31, 2008. The PUB decision approved final rates from the 2006/08 GRA, approved adjustments to rate riders to collect the shortfall from the 2006/08 GRA, approved rate riders to collect balances in the stabilization funds and directed NTPC to capitalize the fuel cost associated with the Bluefish capital projects. These adjustments will be made in the 2008/09 fiscal year. On August 1, 2008 NTPC issued \$25 Million in long term debt for 20 years at a rate of 5.443%.

## 24. Comparative figures

Certain 2007 figures have been reclassified to conform to the financial statement presentation adopted for 2008.

#### Governance

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The following table summarizes the Northwest Territories Power Corporation's corporate governance practices as compared to the "Best Practices" of corporate governance.

Guide		Comments
Comp	position of Board:	
The cl appro Howe as the	oard should have a majority of independent directors. hair of the board should be an independent director. Where this is not priate, an independent director should be appointed as "lead director". ver, either an independent chair or an independent lead director should act effective leader of the board and ensure that the board's agenda will e it to successfully carry out its duties.	The Chairman and Directors are all independent Members of the Board.
Meeti	ng of Independent Directors	An In-camera Session
indepe	dependent directors should hold regularly scheduled meeting at which non- endent directors and members of management are not in attendance.	is held at each Board Meeting.
Board	Mandate	
respoi	oard should adopt a written mandate in which it explicitly acknowledges nsibility for the stewardship of the issuer, including responsibility for the rdship of the issuer, including responsibility for: to the extent feasible, satisfying itself as to the integrity of the chief executive officer (the CEO) and other executive offices and that the CEO and other executive officers create a culture of integrity throughout the organization;	
b)	adopting a strategic planning process and approving, on at least an annual basis, a strategic plan which takes into account, among other things, the opportunities and risks of business;	
c)	the identification of the principal risks of the issuer's business, and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks;	The Board has a written mandate covering a majority of
d)	succession planning (including appointing, training and monitoring senior management);	these items.
e)	adopting a communication policy for the issuer;	
f)	the issuer's internal control and management information systems; and,	
g)	developing the issuer's approach to corporate governance, including developing a set of corporate governance principles and guidelines that are specifically applicable to the issuer.	
The w	ritten mandate of the board should also set out:	
(i)	measures for receiving feedback from stakeholders (e.g., the board may wish to establish a process to permit stakeholders to directly contact the independent directors), and	

<ul> <li>(ii) expectations and responsibilities of directors, including basic duties and responsibilities with respect to attendance at board meetings and</li> </ul>	
advance review of meeting materials.	
Position Descriptions The board should develop clear position descriptions for the chair of the board and the chair of each board committee. In addition, the board, together with the CEO, should develop a clear position description for the CEO, which includes delineating management's responsibilities. The board should also develop or approve the corporate goals and objectives that the CEO is responsible for meeting.	A position description exists for the CEO but not for the Chairs. The Board of Directors develops and approves the President & CEO's goals and objectives each fiscal year.
Orientation and Continuing Education	
The board should ensure that all new directors receive a comprehensive orientation. All new directors should fully understand the role of the board and its committees, as well as the contribution individual directors are expected to make (including, in particular, the commitment of time and resources that the issuer expects from its directors). All new directors should also understand the nature and operation of the issuer's business. The board should provide continuing education opportunities for all directors, so that individuals may maintain or enhance their skills and abilities as directors, as well as to ensure their knowledge and understanding of the issuer's business remains current.	All new Board members receive a "Directors Guide" and orientation Board training sessions are held annually and continuing education is provided as necessary; pursuant to the new Board Development and Training Policy.
Code of Business Conduct & Ethics	
The board should adopt a written code of business conduct and ethics (a code). The code should be applicable to directors, officers and employees of the issuer. The code should constitute written standards that are reasonably designed to promote integrity and to deter wrong doing. In particular, it should address the following issues:	The Corporation has
<ul> <li>(a) conflicts of interest, including transactions and agreements in respect of which a director or executive officer has a material interest;</li> <li>(b) protection and proper use of corporate assets and opportunities;</li> <li>(c) confidentiality of corporate information;</li> <li>(d) fair dealing with the issuer's security holders, customers, suppliers, competitors and employees;</li> <li>(e) compliance with laws, rules and regulations; and</li> <li>(f) reporting of any illegal or unethical behaviour.</li> </ul>	The Corporation has an "Ethics and Conflict of Interest Code".
The board should be responsible for monitoring compliance with the code. Any waivers from the code that are granted for the benefit of the issuer's directors or executive officers should be granted by the board (or a board committee) only.	The CEO monitors employees and
Although issuers must exercise their own judgment in making materiality determinations, the Canadian securities regulatory authorities consider that conduct by a director or executive officer which constitutes a material departure from the code will likely constitute a "material change" within the meaning of National Instrument 51-102 <i>Continuous Disclosure Obligations</i> . National Instrument 51-103 requires every material change report to include a full description of the material change. Where a material departure from the code	approves any exception to the policy. The Chairman of the Board monitors the CEO and approves any exception to the policy.

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constitutes a material change to the issuer, we expect the material change report will disclose, among other things:	
<ul> <li>the date of the departure(s),</li> <li>the party(ies) involved in the departure(s),</li> <li>the reason why the board has or had not sanctioned the departure(s), and</li> <li>any measures the board has taken to address or remedy the departure(s).</li> </ul>	
Nomination of Directors The board should appoint a nominating committee composed entirely of independent directors.	All Board members are involved in the identifying potential members for the Board with the Minister Responsible for NTPC having overall responsibility.
The nominating committee should have a written charter that clearly establishes the committee's purpose, responsibilities, member qualifications, member appointment and removal, structure of operations (including any authority to delegate to individual members and subcommittees), and manner of reporting to the board. In addition, the nominating committee should be given authority to engage and compensate any outside advisor that it determines to be necessary to permit it to carry out its duties. If an issuer is legally required by contract or otherwise to provide third parties with the right to nominate directors, the selection and nomination of those directors need not involve the approval of an independent nominating committee.	
The nominating committee should be responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become new board members and recommending to the board the new director nominees for the next annual meeting of shareholders.*	Guidelines have been developed to assist in identifying potential members.
In making recommendations, the nominating committee should consider:	
<ul> <li>(a) the competencies and skills that the board considers to be necessary for the board, as a whole, to process;</li> <li>(b) the competencies and skills that the board considers each existing director to possess; and</li> <li>(c) the competencies and skills each new nominee will bring to the boardroom.</li> </ul>	
The nominating committee should also consider whether or not each new nominee can devote sufficient time and resources to his or her duties as a board member.	
<b>Compensation</b> The board should appoint a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors.	There is Governance and Compensation committee of the Board of Directors.
The compensation committee should have a written chart that establishes the committee's purpose, responsibilities, member qualifications, member appointment and removal, structure and operations (including any authority to delegate to individual members of sub-committees), and the manner of reporting to the board. In addition, the compensation committee should be given authority to engage and compensate any outside advisor that it determines to be necessary to permit it to carry out its duties.	The Governance Committee written Mandate covers a majority of these items.
The compensation committee should be responsible for:	The Governance Committee

<ul> <li>(a) reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to CEO compensation, evaluating the CEO's performance in light of those corporate goals and objectives, and determining (or making recommendations to the board with respect to) the CEO's compensation level based on this evaluation;</li> <li>(b) making recommendations to the board with respect to non-CEO officers and director compensations, incentive-compensation plans and equity-based plans; and</li> <li>(c) reviewing executive compensation disclosure before the issuer publicly discloses this information.</li> </ul>	recommends the CEO's annual objectives and performance evaluation, as well as compensation for Senior Management, for approval by the Board.
<ul> <li>Regular Board Assessments</li> <li>The board, its committees and each individual director should be regularly assessed regarding his, her or its effectiveness and contribution. An assessment should consider:</li> <li>(a) in the case of the board or a board committee, its mandate or charter, and (b) in the case of an individual director, the applicable position description(s), as well as the competencies and skills each individual director is expected to bring to the board.</li> </ul>	An assessment of the Board of Directors is completed annually.

\*As a Crown Corporation, Directors are appointed by the Minister responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation.

# **NTPC Board of Directors**

Below are the names of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Territories Power Corporation for the fiscal year of April 1, 2007 and March 31, 2008, along with their positions with the Corporation and Board Meeting attendance for the eight meetings held during this period.

Name	Original Appointment	Current Term Expires	Office	Principal Occupation	Attendance %
Lew Voytilla	Dec. 1, 2006	Nov 30, 2008	Director, Chairman of the Board	President, 5750 N.W.T Ltd.	100%
Peter Allen	Nov. 22, 2002	Nov 21, 2009	Director, Vice Chairman	President, The Nexus Group Ltd.	100%
Louis Sebert	Nov. 22, 2002	Nov 21, 2009	Director	Lawyer – Sole Practitioner	100%
Marion LaVigne	Nov. 22, 2002	Nov 21, 2009	Director	President & Principal, Outcrop Ltd.	88%
Greg Cayen	Jun 15, 2006	Jun 14, 2008	Director	CFO, Gwich'in Tribal Council & CFO, Gwich'in Development Corporation	75%
Daniel McNeely	Aug. 15, 2006	Aug. 14, 2009	Director	President & CEO, Sahtu Contractors Ltd.	75%
Jim Antoine	Nov. 21, 2006	Nov. 22, 2008	Director	Independent Consultant	25%
James Wah-Shee	Mar 1, 2007	Feb. 28, 2010	Director	Independent Consultant	100%

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## NTPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS Members and Advisors As of March 31, 2007

Lew Voytilla, Chairman	Peter Allen, Vice Chairman
Louis Sebert, Director	Marion LaVigne, Director
Greg Cayen, Director	Leon Courneya, Director
Daniel McNeely, Director	James Wah-Shee, Director

## **OFFICERS** of the CORPORATION

Lew Voytilla,	Leon Courneya, FCA
<i>Chairman</i>	President & Chief Executive Officer
Judith Goucher, MA	Stephen Kerr
Director, Finance & CFO	Director, Engineering & Chief Engineer
Brian Willows Director, Communications & Corporate Services Director, Delta-Sahtu	John Locke Director, Information Systems & CIO
Cheryle Donahue	Randy Patrick, MA, MBA, BCom
Director, Human Resources	<i>Director, Hydro Region</i>
Cheryl Tordoff Corporate Secretary	Dan Grabke Director, Business Development NTEC 03 Ltd.
Vacant Director, Thermal Region	

### Audit and Efficiency Committee

Louis Sebert, Chairman Marion LaVigne, Committee Member Greg Cayen, Committee Member Jim Antoine, Committee Member

#### **Governance and Compensation Committee**

Peter Allen, Chairman Lew Voytilla, Committee Member Daniel McNeely, Committee Member James Wah-Shee, Committee Member