

**JUST ENERGY GROUP INC.**  
**(the “Company”)**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**MANDATE**

(as amended February 9, 2012)

**1. COMPOSITION**

- (a) Applicable Canadian corporate and provincial and United States securities legislation, regulation and policies, the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) and New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) by-laws rules, regulation and policies and applicable provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 to the extent applicable to a foreign private issuer (together “Applicable Legislation”) require that an audit committee (the “Committee”) be comprised of a minimum of three directors, each of whom will be financially literate and independent and one of whom shall be a “financial expert” as defined by Applicable Legislation and each of whom shall be independent (as set out in section 303 A.02 of the NYSE Company Manual) and shall not have any material relationship with the Company or any affiliate thereof, i.e., a relationship that could, in the view of the Company’s board of directors (the “Board”) reasonably interfere with the exercise of a member’s independent judgment.
- (b) The Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) will appoint the members of the Committee annually at the first meeting of the Board after the annual meeting of shareholders of the Company and shall ensure that the members of the Committee meet the qualifications and other requirements outlined in (a) above under Applicable Legislation.
- (c) Committee members will be appointed for a one year term and may be reappointed subject to the discretion of the Board having regard: (i) to Applicable Legislation and, (ii) the desire for continuity and for periodic rotation of Committee members.
- (d) One of the members of the Committee who is otherwise qualified under Applicable Legislation and who shall be a financial expert under Applicable Legislation shall be appointed Committee Chair by the Board. The Committee shall appoint a Secretary who shall be the Corporate Secretary of to the Company. Any Committee member,

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who for any reason, is no longer independent, ceases to be a member of the Committee.

- (e) If an audit committee member simultaneously serves on the audit committee of more than 3 public companies, the Board must determine that such simultaneous service will not impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Company's Committee.

## **2. AUTHORITY**

- (a) The Board may authorize the Committee to investigate any activity of the Company and any affiliate thereof for which the Committee has responsibility or with respect to those responsibilities imposed on audit committees herein and by Applicable Legislation. All employees are to co-operate as requested by the Committee.
- (b) The Committee may, without the approval of management, retain persons having special expertise to assist the Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities, including outside counsel or financial experts and provide for their remuneration.
- (c) The external auditor and internal audit shall report to the Committee.

## **3. MEETINGS**

- (a) The Committee is to meet at least four times per year preferably immediately following the meeting of the Risk Committee. The meetings will be scheduled to permit the review of the scope of the audit as presented by the Company's auditor before commencement of the audit and the timely review of the quarterly and annual financial statements and such other annual filings required to be made by the Company and any affiliate thereof containing financial information about the Company and any affiliate thereof including the AIF, MD&A (quarterly and annual), quarterly press releases, reports to Shareholders, the management proxy circular and such other disclosure documents applicable to the Company and any affiliate thereof which contain financial data based upon, derived from or to form part of the financial statements of the Company and contemplated by Applicable Legislation.
- (b) Meetings of the Committee shall be validly constituted if a majority of members of the Committee are present in person or by telephone conference. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair or as requested by any member or the external auditors or any director of the Company not a member of the Committee.

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- (c) Any member of the external auditors of the Company is entitled to receive notice of every meeting of the Committee and at the Company's expense, to attend and be heard thereat and, if requested by a member of the Committee, to attend any meeting of the Committee.
- (d) The Committee should require the attendance of the Company's auditors at least once each year, and at such other times as the Committee deems appropriate in the context of Applicable Legislation and its responsibilities as outlined below. The Company's external auditor shall be requested to review and comment on all disclosure documents issued by the Company containing financial statements or information derived therefrom.
- (e) The Committee shall meet privately with the external auditor at least quarterly excluding members of management other than the Secretary to the Committee. The Committee shall meet privately with the internal audit staff at least twice yearly excluding other members of management other than the Secretary to the Committee.

#### **4. REPORTING**

- (a) The minutes of all meetings of the Committee are to be provided to the Board and to the Company's auditor. Oral reports by the Chair on recent matters not yet minuted will be provided to the Board at its next meeting. Minutes of all Committee meetings will be subsequently reviewed and approved by the Committee.
- (b) Supporting schedules and information reviewed by the Committee will be available for examination by any director or the Company's auditor upon request to the Secretary of the Committee.

#### **5. RESPONSIBILITIES**

**The general responsibility of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to: (i) the integrity of annual and quarterly financial statements to be provided to shareholders and regulatory bodies; (ii) compliance with accounting and finance based legal and regulatory requirements; (iii) the independent auditor's qualifications and independence; (iv) the system of internal accounting and financial reporting controls that management has established; (v) performance of the internal and external audit process and of the independent auditor; and (vi) to the extent not addressed by the Risk Committee, the implementation and effectiveness of the policies of the Company relating to Risk Management Policy and Procedures, the Policy on**

**Dividends and such other policies of the Company approved from time to time by the Board or the Committee.**

- The specific responsibilities of the Committee shall be as follows:
  - (a) to review the Company's quarterly and annual financial statements and any other financial statements of the Company and its affiliates required to be prepared by Applicable Legislation or otherwise for dissemination to the public, so as to be satisfied they are fairly presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with Applicable Legislation and to recommend to the Board whether the quarterly and the annual financial statements and any such other financial statements should be approved by the Board;
  - (b) prior to the dissemination to the public, to review the financial information and financial data contained in the Company's quarterly financial statements, Annual Report to Shareholders and other financial publications of the Company or any affiliate thereof (including the Company's interim and year end management discussions and analysis of financial condition and results of operation, annual information form, proxy information circular, quarterly press releases and material and timely disclosure reports containing any financial data) and the financial information contained in a prospectus and/or registration statement of the Company or any affiliate thereof or other document filed with any regulatory authority so as to be satisfied that the financial information and financial data is not significantly erroneous, misleading or incomplete and contains full, true and plain disclosure of all material facts or as otherwise required by Applicable Legislation and to make recommendations to the Board with respect to all such disclosure documents;
  - (c) to be satisfied that management of the Company and any affiliate thereof have implemented appropriate systems of capture of financial information and internal control over financial reporting and that these are operating effectively under Applicable Legislation and to review all reports prepared by the auditors with respect to the auditors attestation report;
  - (d) to be satisfied that management of the Company and the Company have implemented appropriate systems of internal control to ensure compliance with Applicable Legislation and ethical requirements and particularly to be satisfied that internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures are in place and that internal controls have been designed and

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implemented to provide reasonable assurance that the Company's financial statements and other documents required to be mailed to shareholders or filed with regulatory authorities are fairly presented so as to enable the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Executive Officer (and any other officer or director of the Company as may be required by Applicable Legislation) to personally certify the Company's financial statements as required by Applicable Legislation;

(e) to the extent not addressed by the Risk Committee, to be satisfied that management of the Company and each affiliate thereof have implemented effective systems to identify significant financial and other risks of the business and changes to these risks including the implications of risks associated with the Company's compensation policies and practices under Form 51-12 F6 under National Instrument 51-102. The Committee will review reports from management related to these risks and to make recommendations to the Board with respect to a Risk Management Policy;

(f) to recommend to Board the appointment of external auditors nominated at each annual meeting of shareholders and provide oversight with respect to the external audit engagement. The Committee will also recommend to the Board the re-appointment or appointment of the external auditors and the compensation payable to them. The Committee will pre-approve all non audit services to be provided to the Company and its affiliates by the Company's external auditors providing that where necessary, this function may be delegated to the Chair of the Committee for approval on the basis that the Chair reports all such approvals to the Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting;

(g) to be satisfied that any significant or material matter brought to the attention of the Committee by the Company's external auditors and internal audit or matters where there is significant disagreement between the Company's external auditors and/or internal audit and Company officers (including the resolution or proposed resolution thereof) are communicated to the Board;

(h) to be satisfied that all significant matters raised in any report to management by the external auditors and internal audit are being addressed and dealt with by management in a satisfactory manner and, to the extent they are not, to make a report to the Board;

(i) to be satisfied that the declaration and payment of dividends by any affiliate of the Company to the Company or to any affiliate thereof and the declaration and payment of dividends by the Company to its shareholders, meet applicable legal requirements and Applicable Legislation and to make

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recommendations to the Board with respect thereto;

(j) as and when required by Applicable Legislation or as otherwise required including the laws and regulations in all jurisdictions in which it operates to establish independent procedures (A) for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company or any affiliate thereof regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and (B) for the confidential communication of anonymous submissions to the Company or any affiliate thereof and a member of the Committee of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters from employees including the submission of those complaints and concerns by logging into [www.justenergy.ethicspoint.com](http://www.justenergy.ethicspoint.com), selecting the Just Energy Group or JEG as the company and following the prompts which are available. This service is interactive and anonymous;

(k) as and when required by Applicable Legislation, to be satisfied that disclosure controls and procedures are in place to ensure that material information required to be disclosed by Applicable Legislation is recorded, processed and summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Applicable Legislation;

(l) to ensure that the external auditors report annually on matters of independence;

(m) to ensure that the external and internal auditors prepare an external audit plan which, with any changes thereto, is reviewed by and acceptable to the Committee;

(n) to review and approve the hiring policies of the Company and any affiliate thereof regarding partners, employees (past or current) of the present and former external auditors of the Company;

(o) to review semi-annually all expenses relating to consulting and professional services including legal and audit;

(p) to review semi annually executive business expenses;

(q) to review, analyse and implement all necessary procedures, controls and other similar requirements relating to financial matters arising from proposals to amend or introduce Applicable Legislation and the implementation or promulgation thereof;

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- (r) once or more annually, as the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (CGN Committee) decides, to receive for consideration that Committee's evaluation of this Mandate and any recommended changes. Review and assess the CGN Committee's recommended changes and make recommendations to the Board for consideration.
  - (s) to carry out any other appropriate duties and responsibilities assigned to the Committee by the Board.
  - (t) to honour the spirit and intent of Applicable Legislation as it evolves, authority to make minor technical amendments to this Mandate is delegated to the Corporate Secretary, who will report any amendments to the CGN Committee at its next meeting.
  - (u) to ensure that the Terms of Reference for the Committee are published on the Company's website.
  - (v) to discuss the Company's major financial risk exposure and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures and to ensure that the mandate for the Risk Committee addresses each of these matters.
- The Chair of the CGN Committee, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, will periodically review the effectiveness of the Committee and the performance of each Committee member and report to the Board on their conclusions.

**(Approved as amended by the Board of Directors of the Company on February 9, 2012  
to be effective immediately)**