In reference to the Pre-filed Evidence of Ludlow, page 3, lines 15-17, it is stated, "These budget items are reviewed and prioritized during consultations....":

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Q. Please provide minutes of the Company's Board of Director's meetings where the 2003 Capital Budget was discussed and where corporate approval was granted for the Capital Budget.

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8 A. In Order No. P.U. 4 (1996-97), the Board decided that minutes of the meetings of the Company's Board of Directors were not public documents and denied a request of the Consumer Advocate for disclosure of such minutes.

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Newfoundland Power is not prepared to publicly disclose minutes of meetings of its Board of Directors.