

Q. How are the Company's plans to increase the Heavy fleet from 71 to 80 units anticipated to impact the amount of capital and operating expenditures for Newfoundland Power's fleet relative to the status quo over the coming years?

A. The capital cost of a fully outfitted new heavy fleet vehicle is approximately \$375,000.¹ Annual operating expenditures for a heavy fleet vehicle total \$31,000.²

These additional costs are expected to be more than offset by the efficiency gains resulting from the Company's plans.

Refer to the response to Request for Information CA-NP-019.

¹ This includes \$340,000 for the heavy fleet vehicle chassis, custom made truck body and aerial device. The cost would be approximately \$50,000 less for a medium duty single axle truck with aerial device. The estimate also includes the initial capital cost of associated tools and equipment of approximately \$35,000.

² Over the past five years, average annual maintenance costs per heavy fleet vehicle have been approximately \$18,000 per unit and average fuel costs have been approximately \$13,000 per unit.