Q. At page 8 of Newfoundland Power's pre-filed evidence, reference is made to the fact 1 2 that "Government also consulted with stakeholders to solicit their input" in the 3 development of a Net Metering Policy Framework. What Newfoundland Power 4 customers were consulted? 5 6 A. Newfoundland Power did not conduct a formal consultation with customers to solicit 7 input in the development of the Net Metering Policy Framework (the "Framework"). 8 Newfoundland Power has responded to numerous customer inquiries into net metering 9 and the Framework before and after the Government's release of the Framework in July 10 2015. 11 12 Newfoundland Power has not maintained an exhaustive list of customers who made 13 inquiries about net metering or the Framework. However, over 60 customer inquiries 14 relating to net metering have been recorded since 2013. In addition, a small number of 15 business-related inquiries have also been received. 16 17 The Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association ("NEIA") was consulted by Government in the development of the Framework.¹ Many of the members 18 of NEIA who were included in these consultations are customers of Newfoundland 19 20 Power.

¹ NEIA is a not-for-profit association of over 150 members that promotes the growth and development of the green economy in Newfoundland and Labrador. Additional information relating to NEIA can be found at <u>http://neia.org</u>.