

1 **Q. (PUB-NP-12) The response discusses various means for mitigating customer rate**  
2 **impacts owing to Muskrat Falls. It is stated “*The potential magnitude of those costs***  
3 ***indicates that there is merit in a full and thorough consideration of the options***  
4 ***available to mitigate customer rate impacts.” What does NP propose as a***  
5 **means/methodology for considering the options available for mitigating customer**  
6 **rate impacts?**

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8 A. Newfoundland Power has made no proposal for a means/methodology for considering the  
9 options available for mitigating customer rate impacts.

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11 Newfoundland Power observes that on September 5, 2018 the Provincial Government  
12 (“Government”) announced that, pursuant to Section 5 of the *Electrical Power Control*  
13 *Act, 1994* (the “EPCA”), it would engage the Board to examine options to reduce the  
14 impact of the Muskrat Falls Project on rates.<sup>1</sup> The timing of the Board’s engagement was  
15 also outlined in the announcement. Government indicated that it will request an interim  
16 report from the Board by February 15, 2019 and a final report by January 31, 2020. The  
17 reports will be released publically and the information provided will be used to inform  
18 the final approach to mitigating the impact of the Muskrat Falls Project on customer  
19 rates.

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<sup>1</sup> See Government of Newfoundland and Labrador News Release, Executive Council, Natural Resources, September 5, 2018 titled *Premier Ball Brings PUB Back into Muskrat Falls*. The Government’s announcement coincided with Order in Council OC2018-178 that referred the matter to the Board and OC2018-179 that appointed Mr. Dennis Browne as Consumer Advocate for the purposes of participating in the review process.