

1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, page 21 of 98) It is stated that the Transmission**
2 **Line Rebuild (Clustered) project is in accordance with “the program outlined in**
3 **report 3.1 Transmission Line Rebuild Strategy filed with the 2006 Capital Budget**
4 **Application”. Have there been any changes to this strategy which is now 14 years**
5 **old? Why has there been no rebuild strategy filed with the PUB since 2006? How**
6 **reliable is the 2006 rebuild strategy given the province’s changing demographics**
7 **since 2006?**

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9 A. Newfoundland Power’s *Transmission Line Rebuild Strategy* is updated annually to reflect
10 the results of the Company’s annual inspections. The updated plan is filed with the
11 Board each year as part of Newfoundland Power’s annual capital budget application.

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13 For example, the strategy was updated in 2020 to defer the rebuilding of 2 transmission
14 lines: (i) 95L serving customers on the southern Avalon Peninsula; and (ii) 105L serving
15 customers in Central Newfoundland.¹ The updated strategy is provided in the *2021*
16 *Capital Budget Application, Volume 2, report 3.1 2021 Transmission Line Rebuild*.

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18 A total of 24 transmission lines have been rebuilt under the strategy since 2006. By the
19 end of 2020, 76% of the rebuild strategy will have been executed.²

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21 Newfoundland Power’s approach to rebuilding its transmission lines through the
22 *Transmission Line Rebuild Strategy* continues to be consistent with the least-cost delivery
23 of reliable service to customers.

¹ See the *2021 Capital Budget Application, Volume 1, 2021 Capital Plan*, page 8, Table 2.

² See the *2021 Capital Budget Application, Volume 2, Report 3.1, 2021 Transmission Line Rebuild*, page 1.