

1 **Q. (Reference Application Volume 2, St. John's North-Portugal Cove System Planning**
2 **Study, Appendix B) Please identify all environmental considerations associated with**
3 **the transmission line needed to feed the proposed new substation.**
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5 A. Newfoundland Power is committed to providing electrical service to its customers in an
6 environmentally responsible manner. The Company considers sustainability and
7 environmental stewardship in all decisions and operating practices to safeguard the
8 environment into the future. During the planning, engineering and construction phases of
9 a transmission line construction project, the Company considers the following
10 environmental conditions:
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- 12 (i) Area Geography and Local Topography;
- 13 (ii) Bedrock, Surficial Geology and Soils;
- 14 (iii) Surface Water Quality and Quantity;
- 15 (iv) Groundwater Quality and Quantity;
- 16 (v) Terrestrial Habitat;
- 17 (vi) Wetland;
- 18 (vii) Aquatic Habitat;
- 19 (viii) Avian Species; and
- 20 (ix) Wildlife.

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22 During the planning and engineering phases of a transmission line construction project,
23 the Company will also engage with stakeholders and ensure all required environmental
24 permits and approvals are in place prior to construction.