

1 **Q. Further to PUB-NP-001 and PUB-NP-002, should Hydro’s EV Assets be treated in**
2 **the same manner as Newfoundland Power intends to apply for approval of, i.e. be**
3 **included in regulated rate base, from a regulation perspective? If the EV Assets of**
4 **both utilities are not treated similarly, does this have any impact on the**
5 **electrification benefits?**
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7 A. The customer benefits of electrification programs were assessed by Newfoundland Power
8 through a net present value (“NPV”) analysis.¹ This NPV analysis was specific to
9 Newfoundland Power’s customers. As such, it includes the costs and benefits of
10 electrification programs undertaken by Newfoundland Power, but does not include the
11 costs and benefits of electrification programs undertaken by Hydro for its customers.
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13 Accordingly, differences in the regulatory treatment of EV Assets owned by Hydro
14 would not affect the rate mitigating benefits described in Newfoundland Power’s
15 application.
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17 Hydro has indicated that it will seek Board approval to recover costs on a prospective
18 basis if it can be shown that the operation of its fast charging network is in the best
19 interest of all ratepayers consistent with the provision of least-cost reliable service over
20 the long term.²
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22 For information on the differences between Newfoundland Power’s proposals and the
23 treatment of Hydro’s EV Assets, see response to Request for Information PUB-NP-001.

¹ See the *2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application*, Volume 1, Exhibit 2, Appendix A.

² See response to Request for Information PUB-NLH-002 filed as part of Hydro’s *Application Regarding the Provision of Electric Vehicle Charging Services*.