

1 **Q. In the response to PUB-NP-029, Newfoundland Power stated that if the annual**
2 **update of the mTRC analyses shows that a program is no longer cost-effective the**
3 **program would be modified or suspended. If a program(s) is suspended or modified**
4 **how would this affect the delivery of other planned electrification programming or**
5 **are the programs independent?**
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7 A. *This Request for Information relates to the Electrification, Conservation and Demand*
8 *Management Plan: 2021-2025 (the “2021 Plan”) developed in partnership by*
9 *Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro” or, collectively,*
10 *the “Utilities”). Accordingly, the response reflects collaboration between the Utilities.*
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12 The mTRC test is conducted at the individual program level. It is unlikely that the
13 modification or suspension of one program would have a significant impact on the cost-
14 effectiveness of another. For example, suspension of the Custom Electrification Program
15 would be unlikely to affect the cost-effectiveness of programs aimed at increasing the
16 adoption of electric vehicles.
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18 However, electrification programs are also assessed through a net present value (“NPV”)
19 analysis to determine whether the combined portfolio of programs, including
20 infrastructure investments, provide a rate mitigating benefit for customers. The
21 suspension or modification of a program would require the NPV analysis to be updated to
22 confirm that the revised portfolio of programs continue to provide a rate mitigating
23 benefit for customers. If the NPV analysis showed a reduced benefit for customers, the
24 Utilities would consider whether additional cost-effective measures should be pursued to
25 ensure all customers continue to benefit from electrification programs.
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27 Any changes to electrification programs, including corresponding impacts on the NPV
28 analysis, will be reported to the Board through the Utilities’ annual reporting
29 requirements for customer programs.