

- 1 **Q. Reference: “2022 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland Power, May 18,**
 2 **2021, Volume 1, Schedule A (sic), Transmission Line Maintenance and 3rd Party**
 3 **Relocations (Pooled) at p. 22**
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 5 **a) Please provide a breakdown of the expenditures presented in Table 2 by general**
 6 **maintenance and third-party relocation expenditures.**
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 8 **b) Is Newfoundland Power forecasting its general maintenance capital expenditures**
 9 **to decrease as its transmission infrastructure is rebuilt? If not, why not?**
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 11 **A. a) Table 1 provides the breakdown of actual expenditures for the *Transmission Line***
 12 ***Maintenance and 3rd Party Relocations* project for 2017 to 2020.¹**

Table 1
Transmission Line Maintenance and 3rd Party Relocations
Breakdown of Expenditures
(\$000s)

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020
Transmission Line Maintenance	2,009	2,731	2,140	2,113
3 rd Party Relocations	125	16	74	26
Total	2,134	2,747	2,214	2,139

- 13 b) No, Newfoundland Power is not forecasting its transmission line capital maintenance
 14 expenditures to decrease. Annual transmission line maintenance expenditures are a
 15 function of the number of deficiencies identified and corrected in a given year.
 16 Budget estimates for this project are based on an assessment of historical
 17 expenditures over the most recent period.
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 19 In 2021, 64% of the Company’s transmission lines will be 40 years of age or older.
 20 Given the age of these assets, it is expected that ongoing capital maintenance will be
 21 required to ensure the provision of safe and reliable service to customers.

¹ Expenditure breakdowns for 2021F and 2022B are not available.