

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 2 - Five Year Capital Plan, Page 6, Lines 7-9**

2 Please provide details on the upgrade work for L23 and L24 in 2025-2027 and elaborate on the  
3 anticipated benefits associated with the upgrade work.

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5 A. Recent engineering analysis and inspection of Lines L23 and L24 have identified several areas of  
6 concern which are still being evaluated with respect to structural integrity of towers due to  
7 foundation settlement. As these expenditures are not expected to commence until 2025, the  
8 scope of refurbishment/upgrade work is still being developed.

9 Due to the criticality and condition of these lines, it is suspected that some form of upgrading or  
10 reinforcement will be required to extend the life of the infrastructure. Although the scope of the  
11 work has not been fully defined at this time, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro felt it was  
12 prudent to identify the potential cost in the Five-Year Capital Plan (2023–2027).<sup>1</sup> Depending on  
13 the final scope determined, this cost may change or work may be deferred depending on  
14 circumstances.

15 Until the full scope of work is established, it is not possible to quantify the anticipated benefits  
16 associated with the upgrade work.

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<sup>1</sup> “2023 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, July 13, 2022, vol. I, sch. 2.