

1 **Q. Re: Tab 7.1 - 2013 System Upgrades – Asset Management System (Avantis) Upgrade**

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3 **How long has Newfoundland Power used the current version of Avantis and how**
4 **long does Newfoundland Power expect to use the version proposed to be acquired in**
5 **2013?**

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7 A. Newfoundland Power has used the current version of Avantis.PRO (version 4.2.2) since
8 November 2008.

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10 Newfoundland Power expects to use the version proposed in the 2013 System Upgrades
11 project for a similar 5 year period, unless something extraordinary happens.¹

¹ The minimum timeframe for an upgrade to be supported by the vendor, Invensys, is 24 months according to the Avantis.PRO Product Support Lifecycle Policy included in Attachment A of the response to Request for Information CA NP 79.