

1 **Q. In NP's opinion:**

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3 **a. Which attributes of the distribution business make distribution utilities in**
4 **Canada industry leaders?**

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6 **b. What are the latest developments and trends in the electricity distribution**
7 **business in Canada?**

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9 A. a. In Newfoundland Power's opinion, the leaders in distribution utilities are those
10 that provide least cost reliable service, on a safe and environmentally responsible
11 basis.

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13 b. Newfoundland Power has not developed a comprehensive assessment of the latest
14 developments and trends in the electricity business in Canada.

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16 For information respecting developments and trends in the electricity distribution
17 business in North America, the Consumer Advocate might access the publically
18 available websites of (i) the Canadian Electricity Association
19 (www.electricity.ca), (ii) CAMPUT, Canada's Energy Utility Regulators
20 (www.camput.org), (iii) the Edison Electric Institute (www.eei.org) and (iv) the
21 National Association of Regulatory Commissioners (www.naruc.org).