

- 1 **Q. Please explain Newfoundland Power’s Permit and Tag System as it relates to**
2 **responsibilities of the System Control Center and field forces.**
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- 4 A. Newfoundland Power uses a worker protection permit system based on the tagging of
5 devices that must not be operated or have their status changed once worker protection is
6 in effect. Switching is directed by the System Control Center (“SCC”) operators and
7 steps are logged in the field and by the SCC operators as they are carried out.
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- 9 Any tags required to be placed in the field are placed at the same time as the device is
10 operated by the worker on site. Corresponding electronic tags are also applied by the
11 SCC operator on devices that are shown on the system control and data acquisition
12 (“SCADA”) system. Devices tagged on the SCADA system cannot be operated remotely
13 from SCADA or have their status manually updated on SCADA while the SCADA tag
14 remains in place.¹ Removal of the field tag is strictly prohibited until permission to do so
15 is given by the SCC.

¹ The SCADA application inhibits the operation and manual updating of points that have tags placed. Unrequested changes of state will continue to be displayed if a tag has been placed on the SCADA point.