

1 Q. **Reference: Application**

2 In Board Order P.U. 36(2021) the Board quotes Newfoundland Power as follows:

3 Newfoundland Power also reiterated that it does not expect the execution of its
4 2022 Capital Budget to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

5 Did Hydro make a similar claim?

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8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) did not claim that it did not expect the execution
9 of its 2022 Capital Budget to be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; however, in its 2022
10 Capital Budget Application¹ in relation to the then-expected impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
11 Hydro stated,

12 Throughout 2021, Hydro’s Business Continuity Plans have remained in effect in
13 response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.² The execution of Hydro’s 2021
14 Capital Plan has been impacted by supply chain disruptions and travel
15 restrictions on external consultants/technicians; however, the overall impact is
16 anticipated to be minimal with the majority of capital projects expected to be
17 completed prior to year-end. Hydro is closely monitoring the execution of its
18 2021 Capital Plan and, similar to 2020, is prioritizing projects that are required
19 to ensure reliable service for the 2021–2022 winter operating season.
20 Consistent with prior years, capital projects approved in Hydro’s 2021 CBA but
21 not completed in 2021 will be carried over into 2022. Such projects will be
22 reflected in Hydro’s 2021 Capital Expenditures and Carryover Report.

¹ “2022 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. September 17, 2021 (originally filed July 31, 2021), vol. I, sch. 1, p. 2/11–19

² Hydro’s Pandemic Plan and Business Continuity Plan were implemented in the first quarter of 2020.