

1 Q. **Reference: 2024 Capital Budget Application (Revision 1), 2024 Capital Budget Overview, page**
2 **31, Footnote 45.**

3 Hydro's ongoing project to replace Hydro's residential and general service
4 metering system is driven primarily by the opportunity for cost savings
5 associated with drive-by metering...

6 Please provide an update on Hydro's project to replace its residential and general service
7 metering system including whether there has been any change to the scope, budget, or
8 schedule since the project was initially approved by the Board.

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11 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") Replace Metering Systems project remains on
12 schedule. All meters and metering equipment have been received or are in transit and
13 installation is underway. The metering equipment software is in service and integration into
14 Hydro's billing infrastructure is near completion. User training on the metering systems is
15 ongoing.

16 The scope of the Replace Metering Systems project has not changed since it was initially
17 approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. The project budget was updated as
18 part of the "2023 Capital Budget Application,"¹ increasing the approved budget from \$5,375.8 to
19 \$5,875.8. This increase was a result of market pricing for the new meters and related equipment
20 exceeding the original budget estimates.

¹ "2023 Capital Budget Application," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, July 13, 2022, vol. II, proj. 10.