

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 1 2024 Capital Budget Overview, Page 34, lines 10–12**

2 Please provide a table that (a) lists each program and project where Hydro anticipates a
3 potential reduction in operating and maintenance charges as a result of the implementation of
4 the proposed programs and projects; (b) details why a reduction is anticipated; and (c) provides
5 the estimated reduction.

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8 A. Under the Provisional Capital Budget Guidelines,¹ a project or program driven by reductions in
9 operating and maintenance charges would be classified as ‘Service Enhancement.’ Of projects or
10 programs classified as service enhancement in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s 2024
11 Capital Budget Application, only the previously proposed Replace Metering System project is
12 driven by reduced operating and maintenance costs from the elimination of manual meter
13 reading. The annual reduction in operating and maintenance charges was estimated to average
14 \$1.1 million.²

¹ “Capital Budget Application Guidelines (Provisional),” Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, January 2022.

² Please refer to Hydro’s response to NP-NLH-018 of the 2022 Capital Budget Application proceeding
<<http://www.pub.nl.ca/applications/NLH2022Capital/rfis/NP-NLH-018.PDF>>.