

1 Q. **Reference: Board's 2026 – 29 Activity Plan dated March 31, 2026**

2 The Board indicates in Objective 2 that *"By March 31, 2028, the Board will have updated the*
3 *utility capital budget filing guidelines ..."*. Please provide an update with respect to finalizing the
4 Provisional CBA Guidelines issued on December 20, 2021.

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7 A. Please refer to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") response to CA-NLH-014 of the
8 2026 Capital Budget Application proceeding.

9 Further, in Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("Board") Order No. P.U. 2 (2026)
10 approving Hydro's 2026 Capital Budget Application, the Board noted that:

11 "... the current Guidelines were established provisionally in January 2022 and are the subject of
12 an ongoing separate Board process which involves other parties not participating in this
13 Application. On May 23, 2025 the Board provided an update on the Capital Budget Application
14 Guidelines Review, stating that it would advise of next steps upon completion of Hydro's asset
15 management assessment. The Guidelines are not an issue in this proceeding and will continue to
16 be addressed in a separate process with the participation of all interested parties."

17 The Board's 2026–29 Activity Plan lists the objective of an update of the capital budget
18 guidelines by March 31, 2028.¹

¹ "2026–29 Activity Plan", Newfoundland and Labrador Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, March 31, 2026.