

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 5 – 2026 Capital Expenditures Overview, Appendix B - Capital**
2 **Expenditures and Carryover Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

3 It is stated (pages B-75 and B-75) *"The original project scope included the procurement and*
4 *installation of seven ultra-fast direct current EV chargers at five of Hydro's most utilized charging*
5 *sites along the Trans-Canada Highway. In 2024, additional funding was secured from the*
6 *Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the number of planned new chargers has*
7 *increased to ten."* This appears to be a significant change in scope of work. Did Hydro file a
8 supplemental capital budget application for this change in scope, and if not, why not?

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11 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") received approval in August 2023 for expenditures
12 in the amount of \$2.06 million to construct and install seven Ultra-Fast DCFC¹ Electric Vehicle
13 chargers.² The majority of the expenditures were covered through funding from the
14 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador ("Government"), with a minor contribution from
15 Hydro. Government subsequently provided additional funding for two additional chargers (nine
16 in total), which are fully covered through this funding and not included in Hydro's regulated rate
17 base or recovered from customers. A tenth charger was added to an already planned site in
18 recognition of project savings versus budget. The full cost of this project was recorded and
19 reported in Hydro's regular capital expenditure report as a change in scope/expenditure with no
20 impact to ratepayers.

¹ Direct Current Fast Charger ("DCFC").

² As approved in Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Order No. P.U. 21(2023).