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

Page B-87 includes a table comparing the CPW of AMI, AMR and continuing with manually read meters. Please update the table and identify each benefit provided by AMI relative to AMR and the associated dollar savings included in the analysis.

A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is not seeking approval of a metering system project in the 2027 Capital Budget Application ("CBA"). Accordingly, an updated assessment of the comparative costs and benefits of AMI,[1] AMR,[2] and manual meter reading is not necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters to be considered in this proceeding as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996*. Hydro notes that an updated comparison of the cumulative present worth of the alternatives was provided in the response to CA-NLH-058, filed in the 2025 CBA proceeding.[3] That analysis demonstrated that the drive-by AMR system remained the least-cost alternative.

[1] Automated metering infrastructure.
[2] Automated meter reading.
[3] The response was also filed as an attachment to CA-NLH-068 in the 2026 CBA proceeding.