

1 **Q. Please explain how the costs associated with the “make-ready model” will be**
2 **treated.**

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4 A. *This Request for Information relates to the Electrification, Conservation and Demand*
5 *Management Plan: 2021-2025 (the “2021 Plan”) developed in partnership by*
6 *Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro” or, collectively,*
7 *the “Utilities”). Accordingly, the response reflects collaboration between the Utilities.*

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9 The make-ready model provides support for customer investment in electric vehicle
10 charging infrastructure. The make-ready model includes the installation of electrical
11 infrastructure to enable customers to purchase and install a fast charger.¹

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13 Similar to the connection of new customers, costs associated with connecting a charging
14 site to the distribution system will be incurred under the *Extensions, Services,*
15 *Transformers and Meters* capital projects.²

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17 When a customer requests a new or upgraded service connection for a fast charger,
18 Newfoundland Power will follow the Board-approved methodology to determine the
19 required utility and customer contributions. The customer investment is referred to as a
20 contribution in aid of construction (“CIAC”).

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22 Under the make-ready model, an incentive will be provided as a credit to the customer’s
23 CIAC to offset a portion of the customer’s investment to purchase and install a fast
24 charger.³

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26 Incentive costs associated with the make-ready model will be charged to the proposed
27 Electrification Cost Deferral Account.⁴

¹ See the *2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application*, Volume 2, 2021 Plan, pages 14 and 15.

² These are the “Utility Investment” costs outlined in Figure J-1 in Schedule J of the 2021 Plan. This may include upgrades to transformers and service capacity, installing meters or running new service drops to specific areas of a host site, such as in a parking lot at a workplace.

³ Research, program design and other administrative work associated with the make-ready model are planned to be substantially complete in 2021. The make-ready model is planned to be available to customers in 2022. Newfoundland Power currently plans to provide a credit to customers up to a maximum of \$50,000 per site.

⁴ See the *2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application*, Volume 1, Exhibit 1, for the definition of the Electrification Cost Deferral Account.