

- 1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-115) Please confirm or correct the following:**
- 2 a) **In the 10-year period from 2013 through 2023 (forecast), Newfoundland**
- 3 **Power's capital budget has increased by 51 % (from \$80.8 million in 2013 to**
- 4 **\$122.3 million in 2023), average regulated rate base has increased by 41%**
- 5 **(from \$915.8 million in 2013 to \$1289.9 million in 2023) and regulated earnings**
- 6 **have increased by 43% (from \$38.0 million in 2013 to \$54.3 million in 2023).**
- 7 b) **In the 10-year period from 2013 through 2023 (forecast), the number of**
- 8 **customers has increased by about 7% (from 255,618 in 2013 to 273,165 in**
- 9 **2023).**
- 10 c) **If the average annual increase over this period is extrapolated out 10 years to**
- 11 **2033, Newfoundland Power will be requesting \$184.6 million in capital**
- 12 **spending (4.2% average annual increase), have a rate base of \$1820 million**
- 13 **(3.5% average annual increase), and will have earnings of \$77.7 million**
- 14 **(3.65% average annual increase) while serving about 292,900 customers (0.7%**
- 15 **average annual increase). Please prepare a graph showing these results**
- 16 **starting in 2013 and extending out to 2033.**
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- 18 A. a) The increase in capital budgets over the 2013 to 2023 forecast period is
- 19 approximately 51%. The increase in average rate base over the 2013 to 2023
- 20 forecast period is approximately 41%. The decrease in regulated earnings over
- 21 the 2013 to 2023 forecast period is approximately 9%.¹
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- 23 b) The increase in customers over the 2013 to 2023 forecast period is approximately
- 24 7%.
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- 26 c) Newfoundland Power does not maintain the requested forecasts out to 2033.
- 27 Therefore, they cannot be provided. Furthermore, providing statistically derived
- 28 forecasts would not be reflective of the Company's future costs, earnings or
- 29 customer base. See part (c) to response to Request for Information CA-NP-066
- 30 for further information.

¹ The *pro forma* regulated earnings data for 2022 to 2026 provided in response to Request for Information CA-NP-115 does not reflect Board approvals or current customer rates and was provided solely to respond to that requested scenario. Newfoundland Power's 2023 forecast earnings, which reflect current customer rates, are \$34.6 million. [2023 forecast earnings of \$34.6 million ÷ 2013 earnings of \$38.0 million – 1 = -0.089, or approximately 9%].