

- 1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-115) Please confirm or correct the following:**
- 2 **a) From 1996 through 2023 (forecast), Newfoundland Power's capital budget has**
- 3 **increased by 295% (from \$31.0 million in 1996 to \$122.3 million in 2023),**
- 4 **average regulated rate base has increased by 173% (from \$473.1 million in**
- 5 **1996 to \$1289.9 million in 2023) and regulated earnings have increased by**
- 6 **116% (from \$25.1 million in 1996 to \$54.3 million in 2023).**
- 7 **b) From 1996 through 2023 (forecast), the number of customers has increased by**
- 8 **about 30% (from 210,161 in 1996 to 273,165 in 2023).**
- 9 **c) If the average annual increase over this period is extrapolated out 10 years, in**
- 10 **2033 Newfoundland Power will be requesting \$203.0 million in capital**
- 11 **spending (5.2% average annual increase), have a rate base of \$1873 million**
- 12 **(3.8% average annual increase), and will have earnings of \$72.3 million (2.9%**
- 13 **average annual increase) while serving about 301,744 customers (1.0%**
- 14 **average annual increase). Please prepare a graph showing these results**
- 15 **starting in 1996 and extending out to 2033.**
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- 17 **A. a) The increase in capital budgets over the 1996 to 2023 forecast period is**
- 18 **approximately 295%. The increase in average rate base over the 1996 to 2023**
- 19 **forecast period is approximately 173%. The increase in regulated earnings over**
- 20 **the 1996 to 2023 forecast period is approximately 38%.¹**
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- 22 **b) The increase in customers over the 1996 to 2023 forecast period is approximately**
- 23 **30%.**
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- 25 **c) Newfoundland Power does not maintain the requested forecasts out to 2033.**
- 26 **Therefore, they cannot be provided. Furthermore, providing statistically derived**
- 27 **forecasts would not be reflective of the Company's future costs, earnings or**
- 28 **customer base. See part (c) to response to Request for Information CA-NP-066**
- 29 **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 ÷ 1996 earnings of \$25.1 million – 1 = 0.378, or approximately 38%].