

1 **Q. Reference: “2022 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland Power, May 18,**
2 **2021, Volume 1, Schedule B, Replace Vehicles and Aerial Devices 2022-2023 (Other,**
3 **Multi-Year) at pp. 70–72**

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5 **a) Has Newfoundland Power considered extension of its replacement criteria for**
6 **heavy- and light-duty vehicles (e.g., from 5 years/150,000 km to 7 years/200,000**
7 **km)? If not, why not?**

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9 **b) When was the last time Newfoundland Power reviewed its replacement criteria?**

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11 A. a) Newfoundland Power’s evaluation criteria for its heavy and light-duty vehicles is
12 10 years or 250,000 km.¹ The Company’s evaluation criteria for passenger vehicles
13 is 5 years or 150,000 km. Vehicles that meet these criteria are evaluated by a
14 certified mechanic to determine whether they can be economically maintained for
15 additional service.

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17 The Company is not currently considering the extension of its vehicle evaluation
18 criteria.

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20 b) The last time Newfoundland Power reviewed its vehicle evaluation criteria was in
21 2015.

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23 In the 2016 *Capital Budget Application*, the Company filed *Report 5.1 Vehicle*
24 *Replacement Criteria* in response to the Board’s request that Newfoundland Power
25 provide information on the vehicle replacement policies for other Canadian utilities.
26 The report, and its accompanying survey, showed the Company’s policy on
27 replacement of vehicles and aerial devices was consistent with Canadian utility
28 practice.

¹ By comparison, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) replacement criteria for Class 7 and 8 heavy fleet vehicles is 7–9 years or > 200,000 km and for passenger vehicles is 7 years or > 200,000 km. See Hydro’s 2021 *Capital Budget Application, Volume 2, Replace Light- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles (2021–2022)*, Tab 22, page 1, Table 1.