

1 **Reference: Section 1: Introduction**

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3 **Q. Volume 1, page 1-8, lines 15-17. Newfoundland Power is proposing an average**
4 **increase in customer rates of approximately 0.8%, effective March 1, 2022. Since the**
5 **filing of the Application customer rates increased on July 1, 2021. How does the July**
6 **1, 2021 adjustment impact the average increase in customer rates being proposed?**

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8 A. The July 1, 2021 customer rate increase has no material impact on the average increase in
9 customer rates proposed in the Company's *2022/2023 General Rate Application*. This is
10 due to the inclusion of the estimated July 1, 2021 rate increase effects in the forecast of
11 energy sales.¹

¹ In completing its Customer, Energy and Demand Forecast, Newfoundland Power estimated a 3% increase in customer rates on July 1, 2021. See the *2022/2023 General Rate Application, Volume 2, Tab 3, Customer Energy and Demand Forecast*, page 5. The actual customer rate increase was 2.5%.