

- 1 **Q. a) Is Newfoundland Power Inc. (“Newfoundland Power”) planning to charge**
- 2 **a contribution to Memorial University of Newfoundland (“MUN”) for the**
- 3 **provision of the new transformer to provide redundant supply to the MUN**
- 4 **electrical system? If yes, please provide the calculation of the contribution**
- 5 **that will be requested.**
- 6 **b) If Newfoundland Power is not planning to charge a contribution to MUN,**
- 7 **please explain why not, and why it is appropriate that the cost of the**
- 8 **transmission assets invested to provide redundant service to serve a**
- 9 **single customer should be recovered from all customers in the customer**
- 10 **class.**
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- 12 **A. a) No, Newfoundland Power does not intend to demand a contribution from Memorial**
- 13 **University towards the replacement of MUN-T2.**
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- 15 Memorial University is served via two supply points. These are:
- 16 (i) Memorial (“MUN”) Substation, which is the original point of supply for the
- 17 university; and (ii) Long Pond (“LPD”) Substation, which was constructed in 2019 as
- 18 a special facility to provide redundancy and operational flexibility to the university.
- 19 Memorial University contributed approximately \$4.0 million towards the construction
- 20 of LPD Substation as it was a special facility.<sup>1</sup>
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- 22 Newfoundland Power does not consider MUN Substation, or its existing power
- 23 transformers, to be a special facility. This is because MUN Substation is the original
- 24 point of supply required to provide safe and adequate service to Memorial
- 25 University. Costs associated with providing safe and adequate service to customers
- 26 are recovered through customer rates rather than contributions in aid of
- 27 construction.
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- 29 The failure of MUN-T2 represents the loss of Memorial University’s original point of
- 30 supply. The university’s operations are now dependent upon supply from LPD
- 31 Substation. Without replacing MUN-T2, the university would lose the redundancy
- 32 and operational flexibility for which it contributed approximately \$4.0 million in 2019
- 33 when LPD Substation was constructed.
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- 35 **b) See part a) of this response.**

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<sup>1</sup> See the response to Request for Information NLH-NP-001.