

1 **Q. (Reference Application) Please provide a discussion of the consideration being**
2 **given to NWAs in each of the other Canadian jurisdictions addressing the**
3 **current practices of other Canadian integrated utilities, transmission**
4 **companies and major distributors. Further, please provide a discussion of the**
5 **consideration being given to NWAs in each of the other Canadian jurisdictions**
6 **addressing the current practices of Canadian regulators.**

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8 A. Canadian practice associated with NWAs was considered by the Board as part of
9 Newfoundland Power's *2022 Capital Budget Application*.

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11 In Order No. P.U. 36 (2021) on the Company's *2022 Capital Budget Application*, the
12 Board stated:

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14 *"The Board notes that the implementation of NWA solutions in Canada appears*
15 *to be in early stages with a number of pilot and demonstration projects as well*
16 *as regulatory initiatives currently underway to explore the impact and customer*
17 *benefits of these emerging solutions. The Elenchus Report acknowledged that to*
18 *date, customer adoption of non-grid solutions in Canada has been minimal.*
19 *Elenchus confirmed in the report that it was not aware of any examples from*
20 *other Canadian jurisdictions where regulators have determined that the prudent*
21 *economic life for a capital asset can be shorter than its physical, or potential*
22 *service, life. The Elenchus Report acknowledged that, to date, utilities in other*
23 *Canadian jurisdictions have not, as a matter of course, sought regulatory*
24 *approval for DER projects with lower capital costs and shorter lives than*
25 *traditional capital assets."*

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27 The implementation of NWAs continues to be in early stages in Canada. For a
28 discussion of how Newfoundland Power remains informed of existing and emerging
29 NWAs as well as how NWAs were considered as alternatives in the *2023 Capital Budget*
30 *Application*, see the response to Request for Information CA-NP-101.