

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application) Please provide an update on studies relating to NP's**  
2 **capital structure and the appropriate split between debt and equity.**  
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- 4 A. Newfoundland Power engages a cost of capital expert to assess the appropriateness of  
5 its capital structure on a routine basis as part of its general rate applications. The  
6 Company's longstanding capital structure, consisting of 45% equity and 55% debt, was  
7 most recently approved by the Board in Order No. P.U. 3 (2022) following the conclusion  
8 of its *2022/2023 General Rate Application*. A study of the Company's capital structure  
9 will be completed in advance of its next General Rate Application.