

1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, page i) It is stated "Newfoundland Power**  
 2 **has met the information requirements of the Provisional Guidelines when the**  
 3 **required information is available."**

4 **a) Please confirm that this same statement was made in the 2023 CBA**  
 5 **(Schedule B, page i).**

6 **b) Please provide a table identifying the information that is not available and**  
 7 **include an explanation of why it is not available.**

8 **c) Is NP requesting the Board to provide a provisional approval of the projects**  
 9 **in the 2024 CBA until it can provide the information?**

10 **d) Does NP expect the Board to approve a project when the conditions set out**  
 11 **in the Provisional Capital Budget Application Guidelines have not been met?**

12 **e) Is the Board in a position to approve a project when the information**  
 13 **requirements set out in its Provisional Guidelines are not met?**

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 15 **A. a) It is confirmed.**

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 17 **b) See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-001.**

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 19 **c) No, Newfoundland Power is not requesting a provisional approval. Part V.A.1.b of**  
 20 **the Provisional Guidelines states:**

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 22 *Where a utility is not able to provide the required information it shall*  
 23 *provide an explanation as to why the information cannot be provided as*  
 24 *well as the basis upon which the proposals should be approved in the*  
 25 *absence of this information.*

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 27 Consequently, provision is made for alternative information to be provided where a  
 28 utility is not able to provide the information outlined in the filing requirements  
 29 located in Part III of Appendix A of the Provisional Guidelines. Where such  
 30 alternative information is provided, the Company has provided explanations as to  
 31 why the alternative information is appropriate in lieu of the information outlined in  
 32 Part III of Appendix A. Newfoundland Power submits that the *2024 Capital Budget*  
 33 *Application* (the "Application") comprises comprehensive information that clearly  
 34 describes the Application's proposals, and demonstrates that all proposed capital  
 35 expenditures are necessary to provide customers with access to safe and reliable  
 36 service at the lowest possible cost. As such, the Company has complied with its  
 37 statutory obligations as well as the requirements of the Provisional Guidelines.  
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39 For further information, see Newfoundland Power's *2024 Capital Budget Application,*  
 40 *Schedule B,* pages ii to iv and the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-001.

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 42 **d) See part c) of this response.**

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 44 **e) See part c) of this response. Notwithstanding that the Company's *2024 Capital***  
 45 ***Budget Application* meets the requirements of the Provisional Guidelines, as**  
 46 **reiterated in Parts I and II of the Provisional Guidelines, the Board has the general**  
 47 **supervision of utilities, inherent authority with respect to processes and procedures,**

- 1 may establish additional or different processes or procedures as it sees fit, and may
- 2 issue any directions it considers necessary for the proper consideration and
- 3 disposition of a matter, including this Application.