

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, Transmission Line Rebuilds)**  
2 **a) What percentage of Newfoundland Power’s transmission line re-build**  
3 **strategy has now been completed?**  
4 **b) When will ratepayers expect the annual cost of transmission line rebuilds**  
5 **to decrease in the result?**  
6 **c) What savings are to be found for ratepayers in this transmission line rebuild**  
7 **strategy and quantify the same?**  
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- 9 **A.** a) See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-040.  
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11 b) Newfoundland Power’s *2024 Capital Budget Application, 2024-2028 Capital Plan*,  
12 page 19, Table 4, provides actual and forecast transmission capital expenditures  
13 from 2019 to 2028. Annual expenditures related to transmission line rebuilds are  
14 not planned to decrease in the upcoming five years of the capital plan.  
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16 c) The *Transmission Line Rebuild Strategy* (the “Strategy”) originally submitted with  
17 Newfoundland Power’s *2006 Capital Budget Application* outlined a long-term plan for  
18 rebuilding the Company’s aging and deteriorated transmission lines. It established  
19 the prioritization of required rebuild projects based on: (i) the physical condition of a  
20 line; (ii) the risk of failure; and (iii) the impact a failure would have on the service  
21 provided to customers. The Strategy did not identify savings for ratepayers as  
22 justification for rebuilding the Company’s oldest and most deteriorated transmission  
23 lines. Implementation of the Strategy continues to be consistent with the delivery of  
24 least-cost, reliable service to customers.