

1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-026) Did the Board request NP to take another look at the**  
2 **St. John's North-Portugal Cove Substation project in light of the impact of**  
3 **economic conditions on load, or in light of the impact of the costs of the project**  
4 **on rates?**  
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6 A. In Board Order No. P.U. 37 (2020), the Board stated with respect to actual and forecast  
7 load conditions:  
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9 *While the Board is satisfied that Newfoundland Power's decision to propose the*  
10 *new substation was reasonable based on the information available at the time,*  
11 *since the filing of the Application there have been significant changes with*  
12 *respect to the economic conditions in the Province... To ensure that the proposed*  
13 *expenditures with respect to the new St. John's North-Portugal Cove substation*  
14 *are justified in the current circumstances, Newfoundland Power should provide*  
15 *updated information with respect to the actual and forecast loads, the basis of*  
16 *the forecasts, the actual and forecast overloads and the impacts of these*  
17 *overloads and, to the extent that there continues to be significant uncertainty as*  
18 *to the impact of the ongoing circumstances on the forecasts, a sensitivity*  
19 *analysis with respect to reasonable alternate scenarios.<sup>1</sup>*  
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21 Newfoundland Power filed additional documentation including information regarding  
22 the load forecast, impacts of transformer overload conditions and study area  
23 outlook, and an updated assessment of alternatives on February 12, 2021.  
24 Following a review of the updated information, the Board subsequently approved the  
25 construction of a new St. John's North-Portugal Cove substation in Order No. P.U. 10  
26 (2021).

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. P.U. 37 (2020), page 8, lines 34 to 36 and page 9, lines 30 to 35.