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3 **Q. Reference: "2024 Capital Budget Application," Newfoundland Power Inc.,**  
4 **June 22, 2023, Supporting Materials, Generation: 4.2, app. B, p. 9.**

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6 **The ladders and cages going up the side of the tower leg and**  
7 **tank have near complete loss of paint and should be cleaned and**  
8 **painted to ensure future safe use. Replacement should be**  
9 **considered as it may be more cost effective due to the labour**  
10 **involved in cleaning and painting ladders this height.**

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12 **From a cost mitigation perspective, has Newfoundland Power compared**  
13 **ladder replacement, as was recommended by the Kleinschmidt Group, to**  
14 **ladder recoating? If not, why not?**

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16 A. Yes, Newfoundland Power recognizes that ladder replacement is a potential alternative  
17 along with ladder re-coating. Newfoundland Power will follow the recommendation of  
18 Kleinschmidt and get pricing for both options.<sup>1</sup>

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20 In 2024, the work scope for the *Mobile Hydro Plant Surge Tank Refurbishment* project  
21 will be awarded through a competitive bidding process. Bidders on the work will be  
22 asked to provide pricing for both refurbishment and replacement options identified by  
23 Kleinschmidt. The least cost option will be identified after all bids are received.  
24 Attempting to ascertain the least cost method between the options prior to beginning  
25 procurement was not deemed necessary to comply with Kleinschmidt's recommendation.

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<sup>1</sup> The recommendation pertaining to the ladders is on page 14 in the *Surge Tank Inspection Report* where Kleinschmidt recommends Newfoundland Power "clean and repaint the access ladders, cages, and connection tabs. Due to the labour-intensive nature of cleaning and repainting ladders, (Kleinschmidt) recommend NL Power price the *option* of a full replacement."