

- 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?**
6 **c) Please identify other savings for ratepayers in the transmission line**
7 **rebuild strategy and quantify the same.**
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- 9 A. a) As of the end of 2024, Newfoundland Power anticipates approximately 82% of the
10 *Transmission Line Rebuild Strategy* will be completed.
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12 b) Newfoundland Power’s *2025 Capital Budget Application, 2025-2029 Capital Plan*,
13 page 19, Table 4, provides actual and forecast transmission capital expenditures
14 from 2020 to 2029. Annual expenditures related to transmission line rebuilds are not
15 planned to decrease in the upcoming five years of the capital plan.
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17 c) The *Transmission Line Rebuild Strategy* originally submitted with Newfoundland
18 Power’s *2006 Capital Budget Application* outlined a long-term plan for rebuilding the
19 Company’s aging and deteriorated transmission lines. It established the prioritization
20 of required rebuild projects based on: (i) the physical condition of a line, (ii) the risk
21 of failure; and (iii) the impact a failure would have on the service provided to
22 customers. The Strategy did not identify rate impacts as justification for rebuilding
23 the Company’s oldest and most deteriorated transmission lines. Implementation of
24 the strategy continues to be consistent with the delivery of least-cost, reliable
25 service to customers.