

- 1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-016)**  
2 **It is understood that NP is proposing New Meters and Replacement Meters**  
3 **programs in the 2025 CBA that will use AMR metering technology rather than**  
4 **AMI (smart meter) technology. The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board’s**  
5 **decision (M08349 issued in 2018) on Nova Scotia Power’s proposed AMI**  
6 **(smart meter) project**  
7 **(<https://nsuarb.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/M08349%20Decision.pdf>)**  
8 **notes (pages 9 and 10) that the largest benefit of the AMI project relates to a**  
9 **reduction in meter reading and field work. Nova Scotia Power determined**  
10 **that AMI would eliminate 99% of manual meter reading costs and 55% of**  
11 **other meter related service order field work, resulting in annual cost savings**  
12 **of \$4.6 million which on a net present value basis offset roughly one-third of**  
13 **the total lifecycle cost of the AMI project.**  
14 **a) What is the comparable figure included in NP’s study of smart meters?**  
15 **b) What were NP’s meter reading costs in 2023?**  
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17 **A.** a) There are no capital expenditures associated with Advanced Metering Infrastructure  
18 (“AMI”) proposed in Newfoundland Power’s *2025 Capital Budget Application*. As a  
19 result, the Company has not conducted a more detailed assessment of various AMI  
20 technology options and is unable to provide the requested information.  
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22 b) Newfoundland Power’s operating cost associated with meter reading in 2023 was  
23 approximately \$615,000.