

1 **3.2 Transmission Line 94L Rebuild**

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3 **Q. Have the supply chain challenges which contributed to the delay in project**
4 **completion been resolved? Are there any further concerns with delays in**
5 **completing the project prior to the end of 2026?**
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7 A. The major contributor to the delays encountered in the first year of the *Transmission*
8 *Line 94L Rebuild project* were not supply chain challenges but rather the longer than
9 anticipated environmental assessment process.

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11 Newfoundland Power originally registered the *Transmission Line 94L Rebuild* project
12 with the Environmental Assessment Division of the provincial government on
13 January 26, 2022. The provincial government's Environmental Assessment Regulations
14 legislate that a decision on a registered project will be provided by the Minister within 45
15 days of the original registration. Based on this, Newfoundland Power expected to receive
16 a decision on the registration by March 12, 2022. As discussed in report 3.2
17 *Transmission Line 94L Rebuild* of the Company's *2025 Capital Budget Application*, this
18 process ultimately took months longer than anticipated, with the Environmental
19 Assessment Division requiring numerous deadline extensions to review the project. A
20 final decision releasing the project from further environmental assessment review was
21 provided on September 1, 2022. At this point, much of the 2022 construction season
22 had passed, and Scope 1 of the project, which was originally scheduled to be
23 constructed in 2022, was rescheduled to the following year.

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25 Newfoundland Power does not anticipate any further delays in completing the project
26 prior to the end of 2026.