Q. (Reference CA-NP-008)

- a) What is the difference between Newfoundland Power's asset management process and its distribution planning process? How are the two processes correlated?
- b) Is it necessary to have two separate processes or could they be combined into one process?
- c) Does Newfoundland Power have a distribution code covering the following topics: customer connections, distribution network planning, distribution operations and retail metering?

A.

a) Newfoundland Power's "asset management process" broadly encompasses all strategies, plans and processes across each of the Company's asset classes. The distribution planning process, which is primarily captured by the Company's Distribution Planning Guidelines, outlines planning criteria such as equipment ampacity, cold-load pickup, voltage limits, power quality, and harmonics. Essentially, the Company's asset management processes are related to the physical condition of assets, while its distribution planning processes are related to the electrical characteristics of equipment.

b) See the response to part a).

c) Yes. Newfoundland Power's *Service & Metering Guide* provides Newfoundland Power's policies and procedures regarding service and metering standards. This guide outlines the technical requirements the customer must meet before Newfoundland Power can establish an electrical service connection. The *Service & Metering Guide* is publicly available on Newfoundland Power's website.