

1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-034)**

- 2 **a) Please provide a table that shows annual reductions in Newfoundland Power's**
3 **operating costs due to installation of AMR meters for the years 2013 to 2026F.**
4 **b) What current federal or provincial government programs are available to**
5 **Newfoundland Power that provide financial assistance for installation of AMI**
6 **technology for its customers and has Newfoundland Power applied for any such**
7 **funding?**

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9 A. a) See the response to Request for Information NLH-NP-007 for annual operating
10 savings due to the installation of AMR meters.

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12 b) Newfoundland Power is not aware of any current federal government programs that
13 would provide financial assistance for the installation of AMI technology. In 2021,
14 the Company applied for related funding under the Government of Canada's Smart
15 Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program, but was unsuccessful. The
16 proposal included research on a number of technologies related to grid modernization,
17 including AMI. The Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program
18 reopened for applications in 2023, but only for Indigenous-led projects.

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20 In 2023, the Company applied to the Provincial Government's Green Transition Fund
21 Program for financial assistance in completing an AMI feasibility study. The proposal
22 did not advance to the second round of screening. The Green Transition Fund is
23 expected to announce another call for proposals in early 2024.¹ The Company is not
24 aware of any other provincial government programs that could provide financial
25 assistance to support the installation of AMI technology.

¹ See Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, *Green Transition Fund Program*. Retrieved March, 23, 2024 from <https://www.gov.nl.ca/iet/funding/green-transition-fund-program/>.