Page 1 Page 3 (9:00 a.m.) 1 Q. And we can do that to advise when or if they 1 2 2 CHAIR: have been received. 3 Good morning everyone. Any preliminary 3 CHAIR: Q. 4 matters? 4 Okay, so we'll just have the undertaking O. 5 MS. GLYNN: 5 updated. MR. O'BRIEN: 6 Yes, Mr. Chair. Newfoundland Power has a 6 O. 7 7 preliminary matter that they wish to Well do that, or we can do it in a separate O. 8 address. 8 undertaking, if you want to do it that way. 9 MR. O'BRIEN: 9 CHAIR: 10 Q. Yes, Mr. Chair. I've been asked just for 10 Q. Sure. 11 clarification purposes to summarize sort of 11 MS. GLYNN: 12 our proposal with respect to rebasing, and 12 Yes, I think we'll do a separate undertaking 13 the proposal essentially is the 5.5 percent 13 for the delivery date, if they had been 14 increase for 2025, 2026 with rebasing to be 14 delivered -15 on either the outcome of the September 15 MR. O'BRIEN: 16 application for the wholesale rate change or 16 O. Sure, if they had been delivered. if that's not approved, then the existing 17 17 FITZGERALD, KC: 18 wholesale rate, right now, could be rebased 18 Q. Thank you, Mr. Chair. 19 to that. So that's essentially the 19 CHAIR: So, Mr. Bowman, I hear you're to be 20 proposal, if that clarifies things for you. 20 O. 21 CHAIR: 21 affirmed. Good morning and welcome back to 22 22 Newfoundland. O. Okav. MS. GLYNN: 23 23 MR. DOUG BOWMAN (AFFIRMED) 24 And, Mr. Chair, just to advise all the 24 CHAIR: Q. 25 parties that we had a quick discussion 25 And it's over to you, Mr. Fitzgerald—or Mr. Ο. Page 2 Page 4 1 before we started and counsel will have a 1 Browne, sorry. 2 MR. DOUG BOWMAN, EXAMINATION-IN-CHIEF BY MR. DENNIS discussion on submission—written submission 3 3 dates after the hearing. BROWNE, KC 4 CHAIR: 4 0. Good morning, Mr. Bowman. Do you adopt your 5 Okay, we're good? All right, so we'll move 5 evidence as filed in this proceeding? Q. on to Mr. Bowman. MR. BOWMAN: 6 6 7 FITZGERALD, KC: A. I do. 8 Mr. Chair, prior to that, I mentioned to Mr. BROWNE, KC: Q. 8 9 O'Brien this morning we do have another 9 Just review your qualifications and resumé 10 slight matter. We did receive the response 10 and then you can make an opening statement, 11 to Undertaking No. 8 yesterday in a timely that's the process we're following. In 11 12 fashion. We've reviewed it, we just want to terms of your resumé and your resumé we'll 12 qualify one more question on that. We've find it at page 53 of your evidence in the 13 13 14 been advised now by the undertaking that the 14 appendices to your evidence, it gives your 15 15 qualifications and the last page of that purchase order for the smart meters occurred 16 on September 14th, 2023. We would just like 16 gives a brief resumé. Can you just take us a qualification of that or expanse or 17 through that, what your resumé is, you began 17 18 amplification of that to advise us when in 18 training as an engineer and end up doing 19 fact these smart meters or in fact the smart 19 engineering consulting and electricity 20 meters have arrived as a result of that 20 consulting and energy consulting generally. 21 21 MR. BOWMAN: order. MR. BOWMAN: 22 22 Α. Okay, as it shows on my Exhibit CDB1, I 23 So the purchase order for the meters for the 23 start out in Ontario Hydro, I started as an A. 24 load research program. 24 engineer in training. I moved on to 25 MR. O'BRIEN: 25 transmission planning for a couple of years

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1	and generation planning. I was in	1	Testimony of Nova Scotia", that you were	
2	operations for a period of time, both	2	involved in the recommended design time of	
3	generation and transmission operations. I	3	day rates for all customers, is that	
4	moved on to as an industrial customer	4	correct?	
5	service representative for awhile, and then	5	MR. BOWMAN:	
6	I did rate design for a couple of years as	6	A. That's right.	
7	well. And after that, I left Ontario Hydro,	7	BROWNE, KC:	
8	I joined CSA Energy Consultants which is	8	Q. And in other countries, I'm sort of, I find	
9	Casazza Shultz and Associates. We did	9	it interesting where you've been and what	
10	mostly rate design work and transmission	10	you've been doing. On page 55 it states you	
111	type work at that consulting firm. After	11	did pricing methodologies for use of the	
12	that, I went to, I think KEMA, I spent some	12	Pan-Arab electricity market. Can you tell	
13	time with KEMA Consulting doing similar type	13	us a little bit about that, what you were	
14	work. I also worked for Nexant for a short	14	doing there?	
15	period of time and PACE Global Energy	15	MR. BOWMAN:	
16	Services and in about 2004, I went out as an	16	A. Yeah, there's 22 Arab countries, they're all	
17	independent consultant.	17	trying to form a regional electricity market	
18	BROWNE, KC:	18	and as part of a study, the initial project	
19	Q. In your role as an energy consultant, as	19	they did on that was reviewed the power	
20	indicated in your resumé, page 53 you	20	systems in each of those 22 countries,	
21	travelled widely. You mentioned Armenia,	21	summarized capacity and demand analysis and	
22	Australia, Central America, China, Columbia,	22	recommended a regional electricity market	
23	the Dutch Antilles, Egypt and Georgia,	23	for trade amongst the Arab countries. At	
24	Gauna, Indian-Indonesia, Macedonia, Mexico,	24	the time I started, they were all pretty	
25	Middle East, Mongolia, Pakistan,	25	much short of capacity, so they weren't	
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Australia and market design and market rules, can you tell us a bit about that? MR. BOWMAN:

4 5 Yeah, Eastern Australia already had a A. 6 competitive market design, so Western 7 Australia decided they should do the same 8 thing. Western Australia is very much 9 isolated from Eastern Australia, and I 10 managed a project there to develop a market 11 design and then develop market rules to 12 govern that market.

BROWNE, KC: 13

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You did work in Georgia? 14 O.

MR. BOWMAN:

15 16 Yeah, I did a number of projects in the A. Republic of Georgia. They want to join the 17 18 European Union. To do that, you have to meet the EU requirements. They have a 19 20 number of requirements. One, you have to 21 remove any subsidies from your electricity 22 tariffs. More importantly, you have to 23 implement retail competition. Retail 24 competition requires a whole slew of 25 documentation. They way they had split it

Eastern countries. 2

3 **BROWNE, KC:** 

4 And you've done work on the electricity Q. 5 market design in Serbia?

6 MR. BOWMAN:

7 Yes, again, Serbia in that case we developed 8 market rules, I was also helping train the 9 regulator, they had a new regulator there, I 10 was helping them with regulatory process and actually tariff design. 11

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And your resumé indicates you do work for Q. the World Bank.

MR. BOWMAN: 15

> Yeah, about, recently—well all that work in A. Arab countries, that's done on behalf of the World Bank. The World Bank is exactly what they say they are, they're a financial institution. They lend money to countries when the private sector will not lend money to them. So in other words, they fill that gap, so they take on much riskier clients and that, but surprisingly they do exceptionally well. They do earn a return

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1	as much the same as a regular bank, and they	1	be split between winner and non-winter,
2	earn enough money to pay consultants, like	2	10.1 in the winter and I think 3.5 in the
3	myself, to advise them on how they should	3	off peak (phonetic) or the non-winter. So
4	invest that money.	4	that comes out to roughly 7 cents per
5	BROWNE, KC:	5	kilowatt hour, but if the revenues stay the
6	Q. Okay, and the fullness of our resumé is as	6	same, at least the retail rates stay the
7	stated from page 55 to the end of the	7	same, that means they'll actually increase
8	appendix. You're here to present a report	8	their revenue by 14 cents per kilowatt hour.
9	and to give a summary of it. Can you give	9	That means a 7 cent per kilowatt hour
10	us a summary of your evidence or the	10	differential greater than the 4 cents that
11	highlights that you wish to address, and	11	it is currently. That implies additional
12	I'll leave the rest to you. Thank you.	12	rate volatility unless you revise those
13	(9:15 a.m.)	13	retail rates as well.
14	MR. BOWMAN:	14	Now, the way this has changed is
15	A. Okay, now I will kind of go through my	15	certainly in Newfoundland Power's favour
16	evidence. I won't repeat my evidence, but	16	because this way, instead of losing money on
17	I'll try and summarize what I've heard so	17	each additional kilowatt hour, they will
18	far, at least over the last couple of days	18	gain money on each additional kilowatt hour,
19	and how that influences my evidence now.	19	but the volatility, the jury is still out on
20	First on the wholesale rate and as we've	20	that, I'm not sure this is going to decrease
21	discussed, that's, that is a settlement	21	volatility beyond next year.
22	issue. There is a couple of points, though,	22	Now second, and this may have been
23	I wanted to make on that and that's to be	23	discussed with—Ms. Greene stated that owing
24	clear, the wholesale rate applies only to	24	to the flow-through application with this,
25	Newfoundland Power. It doesn't apply to	25	the Board would be in a position where
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1	their retail customers. Now, Newfoundland	1	there's two outstanding rate increases, one
2	Power suggested this will reduce volatility	2	for the flow-through and one for this GRA.
3	in rates and I think it will for next year.	3	And that's true, and that is somewhat of an
4	I'm not so sure about thereafter and just as	4	anomaly, but I will point out that currently
5	an example, Newfoundland Power's largest	5	there's two rate applications before the
6	customer class, domestic class, they	6	Board as well, one is 2024 rate of return on
7	currently page 14 cents per kilowatt hour,	7	rate base application for 1.5 percent, and
8	more or less. And the current tail-block	8	the second is this GRA. So even though it's
9	charge in the wholesale rate is 18 cents per	9	rare, it's not unheard of. Load research
10	kilowatt hour, so that difference is 4 cents	10	study, I asked the Board to give this
11	per kilowatt hour. That difference has to	11	highest priority and the reason I did that
12	be made up in the July 1st annual adjustment,	12	is because three winters have passed since
13	RSA MTA adjustment. So what that means is	13	the settlement agreement was signed.
14	if Newfoundland Powers sells an additional 1	14	There's not yet been a single datapoint
15	kilowatt hour above the forecast, that means	15	collected. I know that there's been supply
16	it costs them 18 cents per kilowatt hour to	16	chain issues and that, but nonetheless, we
17	buy that power from Hydro, but in turn—	17	want to see that thing get underway, we
18	that's offset by 14 cents per kilowatt hour	18	don't want to see another winter lost on
19	additional profit from their customers, so	19	that.
20	there's a 4 cent differential there.	20	Now, connection assets and I'll try to
21	Now under the proposed rate, if you	21	get through this reasonably quickly, but
22	sell an additional kilowatt hour, then	22	let's consider the big substation. The big
23	Newfoundland Power, it will cost	23	substation has 1,334 customers and as far as
24	Newfoundland Power about 7 cents per	24	I know, one of those is a general service
25	kilowatt hour on an average, it's going to	25	rate 2.4 customer. And on a basic cost of
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Page 17 1 service terms, the cost of that substation 2 need to be allocated to customers. Now the 3 simple way of looking at that is you take 4 the cost of the substation and allocate it  Page 17 1 customers because—to all because they're all almost they probably range, in this example, between \$1,000.	
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	00 per customer and
5 to each of those 1,334 customers. Now if 5 \$5,000.00 per customer.	
6 you assume that the cost of that substation 6 considered small enough t	hat you can reduce
7 is 4 million dollars, for example, and I'm 7 administration costs by just	•
8 not suggesting that that is the cost, but— 8 just having the same connormal suggesting that that is the cost, but— 8 just having the same connormal suggesting that that is the cost, but— 8 just having the same connormal suggesting that that is the cost, but— 8 just having the same connormal suggesting that the cost is the cost	_
9 well the most recently built substation by 9 every customer, collect it a	
Newfoundland Power was the LPD, Long Pond 10 class. Now on the other has	
substation for about 4.6 million. So for 11 you got one customer that	, ,
the sake of argument, let's assume that the 12 dollars to serve, that no los	
13 cost of the big substation that would be 13 sense, you got to hive that	-
14 allocated to the 1,344 customers is 4 14 that cost to the customer a	_
million dollars. Okay, if you take that 4 15 jurisdiction, well every jur	•
16 million and divide it by the 1,344 16 aware of that I worked, ex	
customers, that gives you an average supply 17 they do charge customers	*
18 cost of \$3,000.00 per customer, right.  18 connections and even Hyd	
19 Okay, now depending on the size of those 19 It's just Newfoundland Po	
	his another way. So
21 some would pay less, but on average it would 21 in the past three or four ye	
be \$3,000.00 per customer.  22 Power spent 4.6 million de	
23 Now, consider Memorial University, so 23 substation, 3.3 million exp	
24 you've got two substations serving Memorial, 24 substation, 1.6 million on	_
25 there's the LPD and the MUN substations. 25 transformer replacement a	
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Page 18  1 Now using the same scenario, let's assume 1 the MUN substation refur	Page 20
that LPD is about 4 million dollars because 2 modernization project. So it has one transformer. Let's assume that 3 a total of 13.9 million. So	
the MUN substation, well it has two  4 Power has spent 13.9 mill	
7 9 million dollars you allocate to one 7 three or four years. Now	
8 customer, so 9 million versus \$3,000.00 per 8 Power has spent 13.9 mill	_
9 average customer. So that's one of the 9 substation, instead of it co	•
10 magaing you allocate compaction cost to the 10 total of 12 0 million you?	•
10 reasons you allocate connection cost to the 10 total of 13.9 million, you'	*
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1	university asked to be connected to	1	really no debate in the industry, everybody
2	Newfoundland Power's system. So in order to	2	requires the customer to pay for that. When
3	do that, they're a huge load, so you	3	you go to a deep connection cost, it gets
4	couldn't just tap into the nearest line,	4	more complicated because those two lines for
5	like lines 12L and 14L I understand were in	5	example, what is it, L12—sorry 12L and 14L,
6	the vicinity, but you couldn't just tap into	6	those two lines when you connected them to
7	either one of those lines because this is a	7	that substation, you close the loop around
8	very large load. So what they did was they	8	St. John's. So if you lost load at either
9	built the MUN substation. Now if you build	9	the Kingsbridge or the Stamp's Lane
10	the MUN substation, then you have to connect	10	substations, you could still serve the load
11	that to something. So that MUN substation	11	from the customers because you would
12	was built for one purpose and that was to	12	backfeed the other way, so that provides
13	serve the university and that. Now, you	13	benefits to all the customers on the
14	can't have a substation stand there by	14	transmission system. If you lose that
15	itself, so you have lines 12L and 14L,	15	substation, it doesn't affect anybody
16	Newfoundland Power at the time decide, well	16	because the loop is still closed and that,
17	we'll hook both those lines up to that	17	you still have the connection going to each
18	substation. Now, by hooking both of those	18	of those substations, but you do, you do
19	lines up to the substation, you had	19	lose the connection to the university, so
20	termination costs and you also probably had	20	the only person affected by that—the only
21	to expand the capacity of those two lines	21	customer affected by a fault at the Memorial
22	because they wouldn't have been carrying	22	substation is Memorial University.
23	that much load. So once you've done that	23	Now this issue of deep connection
24	then, you've got those lines connected, so	24	costs is what Hydro is facing up in Labrador
25	when you just connect to the substation,	25	with the data centres and that, so Hydro, no
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1	that's what we refer to in the industry as a	1	question about connecting them to the
2	shallow connection cost, so in other words,	2	system, the issue becomes you're overloading
3	you just go from the customer to the nearest	3	the system, so you need to reinforce that
4	point on the transmission system or the	4	system. Now in Europe and I like to use
5	distribution system and connect them. So in	5	Europe because they've progressed on this
6	a typical customer, like the rate 2.4	6	quite a bit more actually than North America
7	customer served at the big substation, you'd	7	and they also publish their information.
8	probably just run a line from the plant or	8	They got 37 countries and all this
9	the facility to the substation, that might	9	information in published in a single report,
10	require you to add a circuit breaker at the	10	but I took a look at how they handled it and
11	substation. In that case, the connection	11	I think it was all but 8, so say 31, about
12	cost is quite low, cost of the circuit	12	30 of the countries charge shallow
13	breaker and whatever the line cost is. In	13	connection costs. Four of them charge
14	this case, you're building a whole new	14	shallow and deep connection cost to the
15	substation and line connections and the	15	customer and four of them say, we'll look at
16	breakers and associated work that goes with	16	it on a case-by-case basis. Now whenever
17	that, now what we refer to when you get to	17	I've done a transmission tariff for anyone,
18	that stage where you're actually changing	18	I've always said do it on a case-by-case
19	the system beyond the connection point,	19	basis because you don't want to lock
20	that's referred to as a deep connection	20	yourself into one or the other. And I say
21	cost; in other words, you go beyond what's	21	the debate rages on whether you should
22	required for the shallow connection. Now	22	charge deep connection costs. Deep
23	when you go to a deep connection cost, there		connection costs are not only of the
24	is significant controversy on how you should		customer being connected, but also other
25	handle that. Shallow connections, there's	25	customers on the system. So if you do
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1	charge them deep connection costs, how do	1	charge distribution because the other 57 or
2	you handle that situation? Do they become a	2	so customers are allocated a distribution
3	transmission owner, like if they pay for	3	cost, they use distribution facilities. So
4	that, in theory they own part of that line.	4	the only way really to handle that is to
5	Now in competitive markets like PJM, they	5	hive off those three customers from the rate
6	will actually give the customer transmission	6	2.4 class and put them in a class of their
7	rights to use that line, so in effect they	7	own so that they won't pay for connections,
8	do partially own that line. In a regulated	8	they'll pay for their own connections, not
9	market like this, it becomes much more	9	through the rate and they won't pay
10	difficult to decide how to handle that, and	10	distribution costs. Okay, so in summary,
11	that's why it's so controversial. So	11	Newfoundland Power's policies require a
12	consider the following now, now that's—I	12	revision to ensure that customers connected
13	tried to give you an overview of how shallow	13	to the 66 kV transmission system are
14	and deep connection costs are covered, but	14	responsible for the cost of their
15	consider this is Newfoundland Power's	15	connections. They also need to make the
16	territory. Now we got two mines served by	16	changes to the cost of service study I just
17	the RFD and LCD substations. Now they've	17	mentioned. Now the connection cost in
18	paid for their connections, but in	18	recovery should be between the party
19	Newfoundland Power's cost of service study,	19	requesting the connection and Newfoundland
20	those connection costs are, of course, taken	20	Power and the costs should not be included
21	out, so they've already paid for them. But	21	in rate bate. Now this is something that I
22	put back into that cost of service study are	22	was hired by Ontario Hydro Networks Company
23	the costs of not only the connections of all	23	back in 2000 to 2002. They had submitted a
24	of the other customers in the rate 2.4	24	transmission rate to their regulator there.
25	class, but the connection costs for both	25	They had unbundled their power sector to
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1	Long Pond and Memorial, Memorial substation,	1	introduce competition, so the first thing
2	those are huge costs. So what you're doing	2	you got to do is define what your
3	is you're charging them—really you're	3	transmission system is because everyone is
4	charging those two mines twice, they have	4	supposed to have equal and non-
5	already paid for their own connections and	5	discriminatory access to the transmission
6	now they're paying their share of the	6	system. So the way you design a
7	connection costs for all of the other	7	transmission tariff and this is what I just
8	customers in that class. Now, making	8	did last year for the Arab countries, first
9	matters worse for those two mines, they're	9	identify your objectives. The objectives
10	also charged distribution costs because most	10	are the same in any rate design study, you
11	of the customers in the rate 2.4 class are	11	got to recover the revenue requirement, you
12	served off the distribution system. So	12	got to send a efficient price signal and the
13	Newfoundland Power has indicated, well we	13	third one is kind of a catchall, it's
14	include distribution costs in there, so	14	implicitly, customer understanding,
15	these two mines are paying not only double	15	stability, that sort of thing. That's the
16	connection costs, but they're also paying	16	first thing you do.
17	for distribution facilities that they aren't	17	The second thing you do is define the
18	using.	18	transmission system. Normally when I define
19	(9:30 a.m.)	19	a transmission system, I include all
20	Now for this reason customer classes	20	facilities that are above 50 kV, so that
21	are often differentiated by voltage supply	21	includes lines and stations that are rated
22	level. If you don't hive off these three	22	above 50 kV and that's more or less what
23	customers served from the transmission	23	Newfoundland Power is doing, they assume 66
24	system, there's no way really to not charge	24	kV is transmission voltage. After that when
25	distribution costs in there. You have to	25	you've defined the transmission system, then

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1	you have to define what's a connection	1	below their cost of supply, so in other
2	asset, what's a network asset. Network	2	words, they're paying, I think it was about
3	asset is what they often refer to as common	3	97 percent of the total cost of supply. It
4	in this jurisdiction. That means it	4	just struck me as odd why you would give
5	benefits all customers or most customers.	5	them this huge break by putting in LED
6	If it benefits only one or a few customers,	6	street lights and then add on to that
7	that's a connection asset. And that's why I	7	subsidy by making them pay only 97 percent
8	just went through this whole explanation	8	of the cost to supply rather than 100
9	because that's part of defining a	9	percent. It just struck me that you should
10	transmission tariff. If you've gone through	10	probably increase that up to 100 percent and
11	the development of a tariff, then you would	11	then put those additional revenues towards
12	know this and that was probably the thing	12	*
			one of the classes that's paying out closer
13	that, I think Ontario Hydro Networks Company	13	to 110 percent.
14	had the most difficulty with because they	14	Now current rates, Mr. Comerford
15	had no problem defining what a connection	15	yesterday indicated that I was recommending
16	asset was and no problem with the issue that	16	a change in the rate design for domestic
17	the customers who are connected should pay	17	customers. Now what I actually recommended,
18	for those connections. The issue became how	18	my recommendation No. 7, is that the Board
19	do you recover that money from them. In	19	order Newfoundland Power to cooperate with
20	their case, about half the customers own	20	Hydro and the Consumer Advocate on the
21	their connections, so they weren't a	21	design of retail rates with tail-block
22	problem, and about 25 percent said, well,	22	energy charges that are more reflective of
23	we'll buy our connections. Now the other 25	23	the marginal cost of energy. This doesn't
24	percent, they said, well we don't really	24	necessarily mean changes to the rate
25	want to put that money out, so what Ontario	25	designs, just changes to the charges in the
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1	Hydro Networks Company did, they formed a	1	rate design components to bring rates more
2	pool of the 25 percent of those customers,	2	into line with marginal costs. It's
3	put all the connection costs in there and	3	important to reflect trends in marginal
4	then they charged that back to customers in	4	costs and Newfoundland Power's longstanding
5	the form of an annual rate, okay. So	5	rate design expert, Mr. Brockman, that's one
6	everybody paid their connection costs, it's	6	thing he and I agreed—well we agreed on
7	just they had two different methodologies	7	actually several things, but we both agreed
8	for recovering that cost. Now that's one	8	that marginal costs should be reflected in
9	reason why we have connection agreements	9	rates and we both believe that you should
10	with customers is to handle just how you're	10	reflect trends in marginal cost. You can't
10	going to pay those costs back to the	11	
			go, if marginal costs change quickly, you
12	utility. And when you do that, you don't	12	can't go straight to marginal cost because
13	include those costs in rate base, okay,	13	customer impacts, like Mr. Comerford said
14	that's between the utility and the customer.	14	yesterday, are too extreme. You don't want
15	Now street and area lighting, and	15	to cause undue harm to customers just by
16	this isn't something I feel strongly about,	16	going to marginal costs. But you don't want
17	it just struck me that the street and area	17	to miss an opportunity to go in that
18	lighting customers have benefited	18	direction either. Like if you wait for the
19	extensively from the LED street lighting	19	end of this rate design study, so you get to
20	replacement program. They've seen	20	the point in 2026 or 2027, you've decided on
21	significant cost reductions. Now no other	21	rate designs and you want to move to a rate
22	customer class has received that significant	22	that's more reflect the marginal costs, well
23	cost reduction, and when Newfoundland Power	23	then you say, well geez, we're too far away
24	revised the cost of service study to	24	from that, the customer impacts would be too
25	incorporate that, it showed that they're	25	extreme. That's why you start doing it now,
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Page 33 Page 35 so once you get to that point, those 1 Bowman. 1 2 customer impacts aren't as extreme. 2 FITZGERALD, KC: 3 3 Okay, and just to comment further on Mr. Chairman, I think Mr. Bowman is just Q. 4 one of the comments made by Mr. Comerford 4 referring to the common theme that we've all 5 yesterday, he came up with issues with 5 been talking about and that is the 23 6 block-rate structures like we have here now 6 percent increase. I don't think there's any 7 and even Time-Of-Use rates and making 7 new evidence that he's mentioning here at 8 changes to demand charges versus making 8 all, he's just mentioning one way to 9 9 changes to energy charges, and that's all mitigate that and I don't know what elements 10 true. There's no perfect rate design; it's 10 of new evidence are actually being a balancing act. And in this case I say 11 11 mentioned. 12 there's no perfect rate, on the other hand, 12 MR. O'BRIEN: 13 you can always improve rates as well. If 13 I'm not suggesting there's new evidence, I'm Q. 14 you got a chance to improve rates, you 14 suggesting it's new evidence to this witness 15 should take advantage of that opportunity. 15 and this witness can only speak to his 16 And just to be clear on this, like Mr. 16 evidence. Comerford was concerned about customer rate BROWNE, KC: 17 17 18 impacts, but I just have to mention again, 18 O. That's not true. 19 like Newfoundland Power is proposing a 7 19 FITZGERALD, KC: percent rate increase and that's 1.5 percent 20 20 O. Well any witness can speak to the record and 21 in 2024 rate of return on rate base 21 all of the evidence is on the record 22 22 application, another 5.5 percent in this regarding this particular issue. He brings GRA. And as Ms. Greene pointed out a couple a certain expertise and a perspective to 23 23 24 24 that evidence. I don't see any prejudice of times during this hearing, rates are 25 expected to increase 23 percent over the 25 whatsoever to Newfoundland Power or to the Page 34 Page 36 1 next year and 4 days or so. So that's a 1 Board by Mr. Bowman's comments. It's not—I 2 significant customer impact, that's, like I 2 don't see the prejudice or I don't see the 3 can understand being concerned about 3 illegality of it. 4 customer rate impacts, but at the same time, 4 MR. O'BRIEN: 5 5 if you're very concerned about that, you The procedural rules speak to what the Q. 6 would look for ways to smooth out those rate 6 witness can speak to on direct and it's what 7 impacts and in the July 1st 2024 rate 7 the witness has filed in evidence. 8 application, Hydro asked Newfoundland Power 8 CHAIR: 9 9 if there's a way to smooth that out. 0. Well I think Mr. Bowman should, you know, 10 MR. O'BRIEN: 10 limit his discussions to the evidence in 11 Mr. Chair. I don't think this is in the 11 this application. I know on the July 1st 12 direct evidence filed by this witness. 12 rate application, which now will be We're getting into a different area than considered August 1st rate application, the 13 13 14 what's filed by this witness in the direct 14 Consumer Advocate has made his submission 15 15 evidence. with regard to a proposal for a smoothing 16 CHAIR: 16 and Hydro has also made a proposal with 17 respect to smoothing. So we don't want to 17 Would you like to comment, Ms. Glynn? Q. 18 MS. GLYNN: 18 rehash that actual discussion here. 19 Yeah, I agree that we are starting to bring 19 MR. O'BRIEN: 20 in evidence that's not on this record. I do 20 And I think that's where I'm going, I mean in terms of this particular witness is here 21 21 think that you can speak to it in a general 22 way, but I don't think we can get into the 22 to talk about rate design, cost of service, 23 specifics of what's filed on that record. 23 not smoothing with another application. 24 MR. O'BRIEN: 24 CHAIR: Okay, and I didn't mean to cut you off, Mr. 25 25 Yeah. So, I think limited to with respect O.

Page 37 Page 39 to this application without getting into the 1 to provide marginal cost-based price 1 2 July 1st application would be helpful. 2 signals." In fact, they recommend that 3 3 MR. BOWMAN: "Newfoundland Power leave current rate 4 4 designs in place and adjust customer demand Okay. Α. 5 CHAIR: 5 and energy charges to collect the revenue 6 Thank you. 6 requirement and more adequately reflect O. 7 MR. BOWMAN: 7 changes in Hydro's marginal cost", and 8 So, I'm just making a point that customer 8 that's an important distinction. It's not 9 impact should be smoothed. You should 9 Newfoundland Power's marginal cost we're 10 certainly be concerned about the impacts of 10 reflecting. It's Hydro's. So, it doesn't 11 various rate designs on the customers. I'll 11 matter whether you make changes to the 12 leave it at that. Now, with regard to 12 wholesale rate or not. You should still 13 designing rates, it's difficult to do that 13 make changes to the retail rates to reflect 14 through testimony. Like you pretty much 14 marginal cost. 15 need both parties on hand to design a rate 15 Now, they also indicate that 16 and in the past, I've worked with the 16 Newfoundland Power might consider adjustments to the general service demand 17 Newfoundland Power rate design experts and 17 18 we've actually come up with rate designs 18 charges to send customers stronger and more 19 that I think were much improved over what 19 cost-based price signals about winter marginal capacity costs. So, you look at it 20 they would have been in the absence of that 20 21 cooperation. I remember working with one 21 and you'd only have to look at the energy 22 22 charges. You could also look at the demand particularly right individual back in the charges in the general service class. Okay. 23 23 day. 24 MR. O'BRIEN: 24 Now, that's consistent with my 25 I wondered where you went with that. 25 recommendation. O. Page 38 Page 40 1 MR. BOWMAN: 1 MR. O'BRIEN: 2 2 A. I'm not sure whatever happened to that guy. Q. Mr. Chair, I wonder, that document's not on 3 CHAIR: 3 the record. Is there an intention to put 4 Yeah, we'll move on. 4 that document on the record somehow? O. 5 5 MR. BOWMAN: FITZGERALD, KC: 6 Now, also in Nova Scotia, the regulator 6 Which document? A. O. 7 there directed that the utility work with me 7 MR. O'BRIEN: 8 to design rates, and that again worked out 8 Q. The CA Energy report. CHAIR: 9 quite well. And that's why I'm recommending 9 10 that the Board direct Newfoundland Power and 10 O. I actually thought that might be on the 11 the Consumer Advocate to get together and do record. 11 12 MR. O'BRIEN: something on existing rates. I'm not 12 talking about changing existing rate It was put through as a possible cross-13 13 Q. 14 designs. I'm talking about modifying the 14 examination aide but it was never entered on 15 charges in those rate designs to better 15 the record. 16 reflect marginal costs. 16 CHAIR: 17 Now, just to comment on that further, 17 I'll pass that over to Ms. Glynn. Ο. 18 now CA Energy Consultants, they provided 18 MR. O'BRIEN: 19 their report on April 1st, 2024 and that was 19 O. And it wasn't used. 20 - that came after Newfoundland Power 20 MS. GLYNN: 21 If the witness would like to introduce it submitted their application, but just a 21 Q. 22 couple of quotes from there. They say that 22 and adopt it, we can ask if there's an 23 "Newfoundland Power seems well positioned 23 objection to that being placed on the record 24 with its current rate designs for the 24 now.

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MR. O'BRIEN:

general service classes that are structured

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1	Q. We haven't prepped anything for it, in terms	1	review of Christianson from a high level,
2	of questions for this witness.	2	what's been conducted and stuff, without
3	MS. GLYNN:	3	necessarily getting into taking all the
4	Q. No.	4	specific recommendations because I think a
5	MR. O'BRIEN:	5	lot of the things you're talking about are
6	Q. So, I don't know how, to be honest, how	6	generally consistent anyway. That's fair.
7	fulsome that review that Mr. Bowman has	7	Would that be okay?
	given on that document is at this stage.	8	MR. BOWMAN:
8	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	9	
9	FITZGERALD, KC:	10	A. Okay. Last point I'll make on that is that
10	Q. The anomaly of this -		they – and they say and this is common
11	MR. O'BRIEN:	11	knowledge in the industry and that's
12	Q. And it's not in his evidence.	12	"efficient prices provide market signals
13	FITZGERALD, KC:	13	about the present and future cost of
14	Q. No, but it's actually – it's a Newfoundland	14	providing energy service which encourages
15	Power document.	15	customers to use electricity economically
16	MR. O'BRIEN:	16	and utilities to build the minimum system
17	Q. Understandable, but it's not in this	17	necessary to meet the demands of customers."
18	witness's evidence.	18	That means it's least cost. Okay.
19	FITZGERALD, KC:	19	Now, and my last recommendation
20	Q. I'm not sure I understand the objection.	20	regarding existing rates is existing rate
21	There's no surprise here. It's a document	21	options. I recommend that they be updated
22	that Newfoundland Power has presented. All	22	to reflect marginal cost. Again, I'm
23	parties have reviewed it, including Mr.	23	maintaining existing rate designs but update
24	Bowman. To isolate it or keep it insulated	24	the charges of the various rate components
25	from Mr. Bowman's comments now doesn't make	25	to reflect marginal cost, and you don't need
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1	a lot of sense to me.	1	a rate design consultant to tell you that
2	MR. O'BRIEN:	2	buyback rate for net metering customers
$\frac{2}{3}$	Q. I'm not intending to keep it insulated or	3	should reflect marginal cost rather than the
4	isolated. I'm trying to make sure that	4	18 cents per kilowatt hour currently –
5	we're following proper procedural rules here	5	that's employed currently. As Newfoundland
	in terms of this witness. If the witness is	6	Power's information indicates that 18 cent
6		0	
/ /	going to speak to the witness's evidence	/	per kilowatt hour marginal cost is no longer
8	that the witness do so. If the witness is	8	relevant in this jurisdiction. Okay.
9	going to speak to somebody else's evidence,	9	Now, advanced metering infrastructure
10	it should be on the record.	10	or smart meters. I'll refer to them as
11	(9:45 a.m.)	11	smart meters so everybody doesn't get mixed
12	CHAIR:	12	up with the AMI versus the AMR. Now, my
13	Q. I have to agree it does create a	13	recommendation on smart meters is that
14	disadvantage somewhat for counsel of	14	Newfoundland Power conduct a study on the
15	Newfoundland Power to ask questions on a	15	cost and benefits of AMI by year end. Now,
16	document that's not on the record, if they	16	there's numerous templates around upon which
17	haven't been expecting it to be presented	17	to base a study. I note that Mr. Chubbs
18	for discussion.	18	said that New Brunswick Power and Nova
19	MR. O'BRIEN:	19	Scotia Power, they kept stacking up layers
20	Q. I'll be honest, I'm not going to ask any	20	of benefits until the benefits exceeded the
21	questions on it. So, I just need to raise	21	cost. Well, this is what – I recommend that
22	it at this point because it's not in this	22	Newfoundland Power do the same. That's the
23	witness's evidence.	23	way you do a cost benefit analysis. You
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24	CHAIR:	24	look at all the costs, all the benefits.
24 25	CHAIR: Q. Mr. Bowman, I think you can speak to the	24 25	look at all the costs, all the benefits, quantify all those benefits.

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1	Now, the reason I recommend this is	1	studies. It would avoid those embarrassing
2	because 94 percent of Canadian households	2	supply chain issues now being experienced
3	and businesses are expected to have smart	3	and if you think that smart meters are not
4	meters in the next two years. That doesn't	4	the metering system of choice going forward
5	mean – that's not everyone, but it's all but	5	then what you need to do is identify the
6	six percent, and of course, the utilities	6	utilities that are currently embarking on an
7	out here, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia,	7	AMR metering program that's like that
8	they're already well on their way. New	8	currently in place in Newfoundland.
9	Brunswick's been looking at this for six	9	Now, as I stated in my response to PUB-
10	years. In my opinion, the Board needs to	10	CA-026(ii), Narragansett Electric Company of
11		10	Rhode Island indicates that its smart meter
1	know why Newfoundland Power isn't doing		
12	this.	12	program has a revenue to cost ratio of 3.9,
13	Now, and I know Mr. Chubbs indicated	13	and I'm wondering how many of Newfoundland
14	that Newfoundland Power has studied smart	14	Power's programs have cost benefit ratios
15	meters a number of times, but I haven't seen	15	revenue to cost ratios that exceed that.
16	that study. I haven't seen that study or	16	Now, the cost of the program is expected to
17	any of the studies. Mr. Comerford was asked	17	result in a bill increase over the first
18	yesterday if he was aware of the	18	five years of \$2.46 total. That equates to
19	Newfoundland Power study on smart meters and	19	about 5.6 cents Canadian per month over the
20	he seemed to indicate that he wasn't aware	20	first five years of the program. After
21	of one but did indicate that this is Mr.	21	that, bills would decrease. So again, I
22	Chubbs' department. Now, I'm a little	22	recommend the Board order that a study on
23	surprised that someone in the rates	23	smart meters be done on the potential
24	department – I would expect them to have an	24	benefits because they're just too good to
25	interest in smart meters because it does	25	ignore.
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1	accommodate Time-of-Use Rates, but in any	1	Now, distribution planning. As I
2	regard, we haven't seen that study.	2	indicated earlier, I modified the Republic
3	Now, as I said, there's – like when we	3	of Georgia's distribution code about seven
4	asked – we talked to Newfoundland Power	4	or eight years ago. Now, the distribution
5	about this and they gave us a potential	5	code covered, in one document, planning
6	study, scope of work for a potential study,	6	operations, metering and connections. You
7	and that potential study does not look at	7	can think how much easier would it be for
0	smart meters. It looks at load shifting	0	the Board and the Intervenors to understand
8	· ·	8	
9	only. Load shifting is one of I think nine	9	what Newfoundland Power is doing if each of
10	benefits of smart meters that Newfoundland	10	those areas were included in a single
11	Power identified. Now my own energy	11	document. That would include – that would
12	supplier, electricity supplier, is	12	improve transparency considerably. Now
13	Shenandoah Valley Electric Co-op. They're a	13	Newfoundland Power has said that it meets
14	very small utility. They're embarking on a	14	the criteria for a planning guide that I set
15	smart metering program and they indicate	15	out in my evidence, but the key component of
16	that they have no intention of implementing	16	the planning guide is the development of a
17	Time-of-Use rates or load control rates.	17	five-year distribution expansion plan.
18	They're just on the basis of those other	18	As noted, I reviewed Georgia's planning
19	eight benefits that Newfoundland Power has	19	document seven or eight years ago, but
20	identified.	20	Georgia's been developing five-year
21	I also note that installing smart	21	distribution expansion plans. They were
1	Tuiso note that instaining smart		
22	meters would provide essential information	22	doing that long before I was there.
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22	meters would provide essential information		doing that long before I was there.
22 23	meters would provide essential information on customer consumption characteristics,	23	doing that long before I was there.  Now, Ms. Greene yesterday noted that

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perhaps significantly, and asked Mr. Chubbs
what NP was doing to meet the challenge.
Mr. Chubbs cited a few things, but on the
other hand, if Newfoundland Power had a
five-year expansion plan, Ms. Greene
wouldn't have had to ask the question. She
would have seen it right in that expansion
plan.

And further, I'm not too clear on just
what happened at the Long Pand substation

what happened at the Long Pond substation. Like Newfoundland Power built the substation at a cost of 4.7 million in 2021 and charged the full amount to the university. Now, then a couple years later, they came in with another application seeking another 3.3 million for the substation upgrade at Long Pond. Now, the original 4.7 million cost was paid by the university because the new substation was considered a duplicate supply. What that meant was all the load could have been supplied by the MUN substation. So, the LPD substation was superfluous, okay. It just gave them a second supply which is important, since they have hospital facilities there. But then

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the substation upgrade came around because of an increase in load presumably brought on by the electrification of the boilers.

So, that leads to two questions. First is does this mean that the 4.7 million spent on the LPD substation, developing that substation, is not a duplicate supply? Does it mean it's part of the main supply now and does that mean Newfoundland Power should be refunding the 4.7 million back to the university? The second thing, NP has -- Newfoundland Power has known about the electrification of these boilers for some time and I'm wondering if they'd had a five-year distribution expansion plan, maybe that additional 3.3 million dollars for the upgrade could have been avoided.

The last topic is reliability. Mr. Chubbs indicates that he feels targeting the level of reliability that is 40 percent better than Canadian average is least cost. I'm sure the rest of the industry would be grateful to know this because I'm not aware of anyone else who plans their system be 40 percent better than an average. Now, and I

think, I have to believe the Board would not feel particularly comfortable at approving a reliability target that's 40 percent better than Canadian average on the basis of an individual's feelings. I'd want to see some evidence on that. Now, if I were the Board, I would ask Newfoundland Power to quantify the cost incurred on behalf of its customers to improve reliability at levels that are 40 percent better than Canadian average. That will help the Board decide if reliabilities that are zero percent, 20 percent, 40 percent or 80 percent better than the Canadian average are least cost.

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And then I'd just note, like I said in my evidence, with the advent of electric vehicles with their significant battery storage, that will revolutionize reliability in the future. Everybody's going to have a power supply sitting in their driveway. So, if you lose power, you will still be able to plug into that and run a few appliances.

Now, another note on reliability. I recommend establishing target reliability at the Canadian average. Newfoundland Power

suggests that that would be require them to do some pretty foolish things, like for

example, slowing its response time following storms. I don't recommend that Newfoundland

Power do something foolish. I expect them to do something smart, like the good utility

 $managers \ that \ they \ are.$ 

Now further, since Newfoundland Power believes there's no incremental cost associated with maintaining current levels of reliability, I recommend that the Board reduce NP's operating budget and its capital programs relating to automation. Given that there's no incremental cost, reducing the budgets for these programs would have no detrimental impact on reliability.

And that concludes my direct evidence.

18 CHAIR:

19 O. So. Mr. O'Brien.

0 MR. DOUGLAS BOWMAN, CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. LIAM

21 O'BRIEN

22 MR. O'BRIEN:

Q. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Bowman. I'm going to
 try not to keep you there too long. Just a
 few of your recommendations I just want to

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1	have a chat about, and there's been rebuttal	1	substation and the capital budget
2	evidence filed already addressing all of	2	application that included Long Pond, that's
3	them, I think, so I'm not going to take you	3	really where that issue arose. Is that
4	through them all. The first one I just	4	fair?
5	wanted to touch on, I think you've largely	5	MR. BOWMAN:
6	touched on the wholesale rate. I'm not	6	A. When I first started looking at the Cost of
7	going to touch too much on that. The load	7	Service Study was when the MUN T-2
8	forecast or load research study, I guess	8	transformer replacement project came up.
9	your comments there are observational	9	MR. O'BRIEN:
10	comments that it's a priority that you think	10	Q. So, you were involved in that supplemental –
11	that Newfoundland Power should have that	11	you were consulted on the 2023 supplemental
12	study completed as soon as possible. Is	12	application to do some capital budget
13	that fair?	13	modifications to the MUN substation?
14	MR. BOWMAN:	14	MR. BOWMAN:
15	A. Yes.	15	A. I was.
16	MR. O'BRIEN:	16	MR. O'BRIEN:
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1		18	Q. You were consulted. And you would have reviewed the record on that occasion?
18	is they're doing so, that meets your concern		MR. BOWMAN:
19	for that recommendation, does it?	19	
20	MR. BOWMAN:	20	A. Yes.
21	A. Yes.	21	MR. O'BRIEN:
22	MR. O'BRIEN:	22	Q. And reached an opinion?
23	Q. Okay. And I mean, that information is going	23	MR. BOWMAN:
24	to be helpful going forward. I mean, end	24	A. Yes.
25	use activities are likely changed since	25	MR. O'BRIEN:
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1	2003, I would imagine, on the grid. That's	1	Q. Okay. And that opinion is essentially the
2	a fair comment?	2	same as the opinion you've given here today?
3	MR. BOWMAN:	3	MR. BOWMAN:
4	A. That's a fair comment and that's why we're	4	A. That's right.
5	doing the study.	5	MR. O'BRIEN:
6	MR. O'BRIEN:	6	Q. Yeah. And you've reviewed the record here
7	Q. Yeah. That's why we're doing studies, okay.	7	in this matter?
8	I'm not going to ask too much about the –	8	MR. BOWMAN:
9	and I'll call it the MUN issue, but I think	9	A. In this General Rate Application?
10	the connection issues and the concerns that	10	MR. O'BRIEN:
11	you've raised. You've given us a fair	11	Q. Yes.
12	overview of what your concerns are with	12	MR. BOWMAN:
13	respect to that area. Your third	13	A. Yes.
14	recommendation to exclude the cost of radial	14	MR. O'BRIEN:
15	connection facilities that benefit only one	15	Q. As it pertains to that issue?
16	customer from Newfoundland Power's rate base	16	MR. BOWMAN:
17	and allocate them to the entire cost to the	17	A. Yes.
18	benefiting customer, that essentially is the	18	MR. O'BRIEN:
19	MUN issue to you, isn't it? That's where it	19	Q. And you did the same thing for the '24
20	arises out of?	20	Capital Budget Application. You've noted
21	MR. BOWMAN:	21	that in your evidence. So, all of that
22	A. That's where (unintelligible) yes, yeah.	22	record, you reviewed and there's no real
23	MR. O'BRIEN:	23	change in the evidence that's in this GRA
24	Q. I mean, the recent application, the	24	than what was put before the Board in the
25	supplemental application in 2023 for the MUN	25	2023 Supplemental Capital Budget Application

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1	and the 2024 Capital Budget Application?	1	MR. BOWMAN:
2	That's fair?	2	A. No.
3	MR. BOWMAN:	3	MR. O'BRIEN:
4	A. That's true.	4	Q. You weren't at all, okay. So, it's new to
5	MR. O'BRIEN:	5	you now and your issue is that that causes
6	Q. Okay. So, your concern now is that the	6	some confusion to you about whether there
7	Board got it wrong in those two orders?	7	should be a refund on the prior order?
8	MR. BOWMAN:	8	MR. BOWMAN:
9	A. That's correct.	9	A. Well, I'm wondering about that. I'm not
10	MR. O'BRIEN:	10	recommending that it be done. I'm wondering
11	Q. Okay. But there's no evidence to say to the	11	if there should be.
12	Board, "here is something new that you ought	12	MR. O'BRIEN:
13	to have considered to modify your order"?	13	Q. All right. So, in terms of your next – so,
14	Is that fair?	14	you're basically recommending that the Board
15	MR. BOWMAN:	15	overturn its previous orders?
16	A. Well, I've submitted evidence on that that I	16	MR. BOWMAN:
17	think wasn't on the record previously.	17	A. Yes.
18	MR. O'BRIEN:	18	MR. O'BRIEN:
19	Q. And what is that evidence that wasn't on the	19	Q. Okay. In terms of the transparent – so, the
20	record previously? Like it's documentation	20	next recommendation you said Newfoundland
21	you saw before. You understood it to be	21	Power should develop a transparent policy
22	there on those other applications. So, what	22	relating to connections.
23	is new this time?	23	MR. BOWMAN:
24	(10:00 a.m.)	24	A. Yes.
25	MR. BOWMAN:	25	MR. O'BRIEN:
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1	A. I think what's new is the Long Pond	1	Q. And make amendments to the schedule of
2	substation issue, the 3.3 million dollar	2	rates. So, that arises essentially out of
3	expansion of that transformer station and	3	the same issue, doesn't it?
4	then just the construction of the substation	4	MR. BOWMAN:
5	itself.	5	A. That's right.
6	MR. O'BRIEN:	6	MR. O'BRIEN:
7	Q. But that was ruled on by the Board.	7	Q. Okay. So, rather than overturn the Board's
8	MR. BOWMAN:	8	rulings, what the Board could do is order
9	A. Yes, it was ruled on by the Board.	9	Newfoundland Power to change its policies so
10	MR. O'BRIEN:	10	it meets with your opinion?
11	Q. Okay. So, it's not new in this application.	11	MR. BOWMAN:
12	It was ruled on.	12	A. Yes.
13	MR. BOWMAN:	13	MR. O'BRIEN:
14	A. It's not new in this application, no.	14	Q. Okay. So, in through the backdoor what you
15	MR. O'BRIEN:	15	don't get through the front door?
16	Q. It's not new to the Board?	16	MR. BOWMAN:
17	MR. BOWMAN:	17	A. I'm not sure what that means.
18	A. It's new in my evidence.	18	MR. O'BRIEN:
19	MR. O'BRIEN:	19	Q. Well, what that means is if you can't get
20	Q. It's not new to the Board though?	20	the Board to overturn its ruling or
21	MR. BOWMAN:	21	reconsider its ruling, you're suggesting the
22	A. No, no.	22	Board to then order Newfoundland Power to
23	MR. O'BRIEN:	23	modify its policies so then they would meet
24	Q. Were you consulted on that Long Pond	24	with your opinion that the Board should
25	application?	25	change its ruling.

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1	MR. BOWMAN:	1	that this is not the same thing as it was	
2	A. No, I think the Board should do both. The	2	last time because the policies are changed.	
3	Board has set – when the Board issues a	3	MR. BOWMAN:	
4	decision, it sets regulatory precedent.	4	A. Well, the next time you would argue	
5	MR. O'BRIEN:	5	something different, but I would still like	
6	Q. Right.	6	to see a rescindance (sic.) of that order,	
7	MR. BOWMAN:	7	those orders.	
8	A. And I think it should issue another decision	8	MR. O'BRIEN:	
		9		
9 10	that overturns those two previous orders to	10	Q. Okay. And there was an application for a reconsideration on one of those orders that	
	eliminate that bad regulatory precedent.			
11	MR. O'BRIEN:	11	was denied, correct? Are you aware of that?	
12	Q. But in terms of changing policies, if that's	12	MR. BOWMAN:	
13	not done, if you change the policy going	13	A. I'm not sure what that was called, but there	
14	forward, then you won't have that regulatory	14	was a request for reconsideration I think,	
15	precedent.	15	something along those lines.	
16	MR. BOWMAN:	16	MR. O'BRIEN:	
17	A. You'll have to repeat that.	17	Q. Okay. So, in terms of the general service	
18	MR. O'BRIEN:	18	rate class, you've sort of suggested that we	
19	Q. Okay. So, like right now, the Board has	19	should carve out some of these. I think	
20	made its rulings -	20	there's the two mines should be carved out	
21	MR. BOWMAN:	21	and there's another – I guess MUN should be	
22	A. Yes.	22	carved out as a separate?	
23	MR. O'BRIEN:	23	MR. BOWMAN:	
24	Q based on policies that are in existence	24	A. A separate rate class.	
25	and evidence that was before it. If you ask	25	MR. O'BRIEN:	
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1	the Board to order Newfoundland Power to	1	Q. Okay. So, you're aware there's a rate	
2	change its policies, well then, that	2	design review ongoing now and Newfoundland	
$\frac{2}{3}$	precedent doesn't really matter anymore	3	Power has indicated it's going to look at	
4	because the policies have been ordered to	4	Memorial in the context of that, and if it	
1		5	,	
5	change, so now they meet with your opinion?		looks at those other general members of the	
6	MR. BOWMAN:	6	rate class in the context of that review, is	
7	A. No, I wouldn't say that. Those decisions	/	that – and gets more comprehensive	
8	are still on the record.	8	information, would that be sufficient to	
9	MR. O'BRIEN:	9	meet your recommendation?	
10	Q. But if the policies are different, how is it	10	MR. BOWMAN:	
11	precedential?	11	A. It would be in the future, but it wouldn't	
12	MR. BOWMAN:	12	be now.	
13	A. Well, it sets precedent when you make it.	13	MR. O'BRIEN:	
14	MR. O'BRIEN:	14	Q. Okay.	
15	Q. Yeah.	15	MR. BOWMAN:	
16	MR. BOWMAN:	16	A. Those mines are paying way too much now.	
17	A. When you issue an order.	17	That's not fair.	
18	MR. O'BRIEN:	18	MR. O'BRIEN:	
19	Q. I think we're in agreement on that. But if	19	Q. How do you know that?	
20	you change – if the Board orders the	20	MR. BOWMAN:	
21	policies to be changed then, then they're	21	A. Because they're being charged for	
22	not comparing apples to apples anymore	22	distribution costs and being charged double	
23	because the policies have been ordered to	23	for connection costs.	
24	change. So, now you can have a position	24	MR. O'BRIEN:	
25	then where you can argue before the Board	25	Q. Okay.	
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1	MR. BOWMAN:	1	MR. O'BRIEN:	
2	A. So, the rate's higher than it should be. I	2	Q. I guess my question more is on the lines of	
3	don't know how much higher.	3	is it unreasonable to consider that.	
4	MR. O'BRIEN:	4	MR. BOWMAN:	
5	Q. But have you compared that to what MUN's	5	A. It's not unreasonable to consider that, but	
6	paying?	6	it's unreasonable to let this linger.	
7	MR. BOWMAN:	7	MR. O'BRIEN:	
8	A. I don't need to compare it to what MUN's	8	Q. And it's your opinion that it should be –	
9	paying.	9	should happen as soon as possible?	
10	MR. O'BRIEN:	10	MR. BOWMAN:	
11	Q. Well, do you know whether MUN owns all of	11	A. Yes.	
12	its distribution facilities and is paying	12	MR. O'BRIEN:	
13	for those?	13	Q. Yeah, okay. And the street area lighting,	
14	MR. BOWMAN:	14	and I understood your position isn't sort of	
15	A. Its own distribution facilities?	15	strong on that, but I've read through your	
16	MR. O'BRIEN:	16	evidence and I did want to ask you just in	
17	Q. Yeah.	17	terms of other classes. You didn't mention,	
18	MR. BOWMAN:	18	for example, the domestic customers having	
19	A. Well, define distribution facility, because	19	been at 96 percent versus the street area	
20	I think Newfoundland Power and I have a	20	lighting at 97 percent. You didn't mention	
21	different definition of that.	21	that there should be any modifications to	
$\begin{vmatrix} 21\\22\end{vmatrix}$	MR. O'BRIEN:	21	that there should be any modifications to that.	
23		23	MR. BOWMAN:	
1	Q. Okay. So, there may be, in a comprehensive review, more information to look at to	23 24		
24 25	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	25	A. No, I accept that – I accept Newfoundland Power's position that having revenue to cost	
23	determine whether you should carve off,	23	1	
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1 1	whether you should modify the cost of	1	ratios between 90 and 100 percent is	
2	service study. Is that fair?	2	reasonable.	
3	MR. BOWMAN:	3	MR. O'BRIEN:	
4	A. Well, you may have more information, but you	4	Q. Yeah, okay, and that's what I figured. And	
5	don't need to wait for that to do that now.	5	that, I mean, ultimately, I mean, you've	
6	MR. O'BRIEN:	6	been doing this for a long time and you	
7	Q. Can just do it right now?	7	can't be perfect to costs at 100 percent for	
8	MR. BOWMAN:	8	everybody. That's fair?	
9	A. You can do it right now.	9	MR. BOWMAN:	
10	MR. O'BRIEN:	10	A. That's fair, yeah.	
11	Q. Okay. And Newfoundland Power has chosen	11	MR. O'BRIEN:	
12	that what they will say is a pragmatic	12	Q. Okay. And there's going to be knock-on	
13	approach to look at a comprehensive rate	13	effects of some sort when you start moving	
14	review study before doing that. Is that	14	around the dial for one class over another.	
15	unreasonable?	15	MR. BOWMAN:	
16	MR. BOWMAN:	16	A. Well, you could – in the case of the street	
17	A. Well, first of all, they indicated that that	17	lighting, if you increase the rate by three	
18	wasn't part of the rate design review. Now,	18	percent, for example, whatever brings it up	
19	in evidence in cross-examination, they've	19	to the 100 percent, you could likewise	
20	indicated they would include that as part,	20	reduce one of the other customers that are	
21	but I don't think you need a rate design	21	up closer to 110 percent, reduce their rate	
22	expert to tell you to change your cost of	22	to kind of make things a little more fair.	
23	service study. I don't think they consulted	23	MR. O'BRIEN:	
24	a rate design expert to change the cost of	24	Q. And if you did the same thing with domestic	
25	service study for this application.	25	customers and moved them up to 100 percent,	

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1	you could – I'm not suggesting you do that.	1	A. Yes.
2	I'm just saying that anyone of those things	2	MR. O'BRIEN:
3	would have a knock-on effect because you're	3	Q. But is it unreasonable for them to want to
4	dealing with the same revenue requirement.	4	have that more comprehensive information?
5	MR. BOWMAN:	5	MR. BOWMAN:
6	A. Yeah, you got to collect the revenue	6	A. I think it represents a lost opportunity.
7	requirement.	7	MR. O'BRIEN:
8	MR. O'BRIEN:	8	Q. Okay. But you won't say it's unreasonable?
9	Q. Yeah, yeah. In terms of the retail rate	9	MR. BOWMAN:
10	design, and I appreciate your evidence here	10	A. I won't say it's unreasonable.
11	this morning just in terms of a follow	11	MR. O'BRIEN:
12	through on Mr. Comerford's comments in terms	12	Q. And that's fine. I mean, I don't want to
13	of modifying the design itself. I think	13	put words in your mouth.
14	your opinion is you don't necessarily have	14	MR. BOWMAN:
15	to modify the design. You can modify some	15	A. You're doing your best.
16	of the pieces that are in the existing	16	MR. O'BRIEN:
17	design. Is that your evidence?	17	Q. I got to say, you did a pretty good job of
18	MR. BOWMAN:	18	covering off most of the concerns that I was
19	A. That's correct.	19	going to cover with you. The only last area
20	MR. O'BRIEN:	20	I think I would want to touch on is the AMI
21	Q. Okay. And would it be more useful to have	21	meters and I don't want to touch on that too
22	more comprehensive information and data from	22	much, but I gather from your evidence, and
23	the rate design review before you did that?	23	we've read through it and Mr. Chubbs has
24	Like would it be more useful to have input	24	commented on it. There's evidence in the
25	from customers, to have a full review on	25	rebuttal on it. I just want to ask just
23		23	-
1	Page 70	1	Page 72 whether you could confirm – and if you don't
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Page 75 O. Okay, all right, and that's what I wanted – A. Well, the load research study, the asset 1 1 2 I want you to expand on that. 2 management plan, the rate design review. Like there's a lot of things that are in the 3 MR. BOWMAN: 3 4 4 future rather than now. Yeah. Α. 5 MR. O'BRIEN: 5 MR. O'BRIEN: 6 What process do you think should be 6 So, your opinion is Newfoundland Power is 7 followed? 7 delaying all this stuff intentionally? 8 MR. BOWMAN: 8 MR. BOWMAN: 9 Well, the process you should follow is do an 9 I think it's taking them longer to do it 10 actual study of smart meters. Do a study on 10 than it should be. 11 the smart meters and then we'll go from 11 MR. O'BRIEN: 12 there. Like I just don't see how you can 12 Now, is that an expert opinion or an 13 avoid looking at all these benefits for observation? 13 14 customers and just toss it off like it 14 MR. BOWMAN: 15 should be ignored, not when everybody else 15 Well, the rate design study that was done by Α. CA Energy Consultants, I could have done 16 seems to be doing it. Like do a study and 16 prove to the Board that it's not the that in a month and I see they have three 17 17 appropriate time to do it. 18 18 authors. I mean that takes a little longer. 19 MR. O'BRIEN: 19 It just strikes me that that's taking longer 20 Did it seem to you – and you sat through Mr. 20 than it would take me to do. 21 Chubbs' evidence on this, I think. 21 MR. O'BRIEN: 22 22 MR. BOWMAN: I guess my question is more is it your role, 23 do you think, to admonish Newfoundland Power 23 A. I did. or is that the role of the Board? 24 MR. O'BRIEN: 24 25 Did it seem to you that Mr. Chubbs was 25 FITZGERALD, KC: Page 74 Page 76 1 tossing this off and ignoring it? 1 Q. I'm wondering, Mr. Chair, that's kind of a 2 2 MR. BOWMAN: leading question as to admonishment. I'm 3 Well, they haven't done a study on it. not sure if that's what - a yes or no. 3 4 4 MR. O'BRIEN: MR. O'BRIEN: 5 5 That wasn't my question. Did it seem to you I think this is where this is going. Q. Q. 6 that he had the opinion that this wasn't 6 FITZGERALD, KC: 7 worth looking at or did it seem to you that 7 Mr. Bowman's given his evidence. He said he 8 he had the opinion that "we want to make 8 believes that there's – from his observation 9 sure we do it when its least cost for 9 that there's been a delay in some of the 10 customers"? 10 initiatives. Mr. Chubbs has given his 11 evidence and it's pretty clear that there's 11 MR. BOWMAN: Well, my understanding was he thinks it's nothing imminent and that's what Mr. Bowman 12 12 not worth doing right now. has said this morning. That's what he 13 13 14 observes. 14 MR. O'BRIEN: CHAIR: 15 That wasn't the question either. Did it 15 seem to be that he was ignoring this issue? 16 O. Yeah, I mean, I think it's clear Mr. 16 Bowman's expressing his frustration with the 17 MR. BOWMAN: 17 18 He was certainly putting it off into the 18 pace and there's nothing wrong with that. A. 19 future. I wouldn't say he was ignoring it, 19 So, I don't see challenging the pace as much 20 but he was delaying it, you know, delaying 20 an admonishment as that. it like many other things that are being 21 21 MR. O'BRIEN: 22 delayed. 22 Well, I guess, Mr. Chair, my concern is that Q. 23 MR. O'BRIEN: 23 the witness should be an objective expert 24 O. What do you mean by that? 24 witness. It's up to the Board to decide if 25 MR. BOWMAN: 25 there's an issue to challenge on the pace,

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1	not for an expert witness.	1	existing level of reliability, at some
2	CHAIR:	2	point, I guess I'm taking from your comments
3	Q. Well, I think -	3	they have to target something lower than
4	MR. O'BRIEN:	4	what they're providing at this stage. They
5	Q. And it goes to the credibility of the	5	must do changes to get to that. What I'm
6	witness. I don't think that's the role.	6	asking is what your recommended changes are.
7	(10:15 a.m.)	7	MR. BOWMAN:
8	CHAIR:	8	A. I don't think they have to make changes. I
9	Q. Well, I think, Mr. O'Brien, it may depend on	9	think they just have to stop spending money
10	the experience of the witness, if he's been	10	at maintaining the current level of
11	involved in previous studies in the past	11	reliability.
12	which may have taken – how long it would	12	MR. O'BRIEN:
13	take. So, one could speak for an informed	13	
			Q. So, let reliability reduce somehow? MR. BOWMAN:
14	opinion based on past experience. But you	14	
15	know, so I think maybe it depend on one's	15	A. No, I don't think they have to let it
16	past experience in judging, but I'll pass it	16	reduce. I think they just have to target
17	over to our legal counsel.	17	the Canadian average. You don't have to go
18	MR. O'BRIEN:	18	out there and start doing foolish things,
19	Q. That's fine, Mr. Chair. I won't follow the	19	like I said.
20	line of questioning any further.	20	MR. O'BRIEN:
21	MS. GLYNN:	21	Q. No, and I take your point on that, and I
22	Q. I think the point has been made and I think	22	guess I'm following through with Mr. Chubbs'
23	we can -	23	comment that look, there's not really a
24	MR. O'BRIEN:	24	reliability dial that we can say we're going
25	Q. Yeah, I won't follow it any further. The	25	to turn it down this notch from 40 percent
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1	last point I just wanted to ask you about,	1	to average and how is it that we're going to
2	Mr. Bowman, was the reliability comments	2	do it. If we're maintaining the reliability
3	that you had made in terms of targeting the	3	and it happens to be at 40 percent above
4	average and that sort of thing. I wonder	4	average, the taking steps has to be in some
5	whether or not you could comment and sort of	5	area to get it down there, and I'm wondering
6	expound on how it is you would expect	6	do you have a comment on that, as to what
7	Newfoundland Power to reduce its service to	7	steps to take or is this just a general
8	meet with your recommendation.	8	comment that stop being so reliable?
9	MR. BOWMAN:	9	MR. BOWMAN:
10	A. I wouldn't recommend that they reduce their	10	A. No. I would recommend that the Board dial
11	service. I would recommend that they target	11	it down by cutting their operating budget
12	the average Canadian reliability levels.	12	and perhaps their capital budget related to
13	MR. O'BRIEN:	13	automation.
14	Q. So, is this in terms of pulling that target	14	MR. O'BRIEN:
15	in in executive comp target level or is it –	15	Q. Okay. So, that's where you're going?
16	how will they target their capital budget?	16	MR. BOWMAN:
17			
	Like what is it exactly that you are	17	A. Yeah.
18	recommending?	18	MR. O'BRIEN:
19	MR. BOWMAN:	19	Q. Okay. I don't have any further questions
20	A. Well, when they say we're targeting a level	20	for Mr. Bowman.
21	that's 40 percent better than the Canadian	21	CHAIR:
22	average, I'm suggesting that they should	22	Q. Mr. Simmons?
1 ^^		1.2	STRAINALINIS REC
23	target the Canadian average.	23	SIMMONS, KC:
23 24 25	MR. O'BRIEN: Q. Okay. So, if their 40 percent is the	24 25	Q. No questions. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. CHAIR:

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1	Q. Ms. Greene?	1	that fair?
2	GREENE, KC:	2	MR. BOWMAN:
3	Q. No questions, Mr. Chair.	3	A. Yes.
1 4	COMMISSIONER NEWMAN:	4	CHAIR:
5		5	
	Q. No questions. COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN:		
6		6	MUN's rates are over – are they being
/	Q. No questions.	7	overcharged or undercharged?
8	MR. DOUGLAS BOWMAN, CROSS-EXAMINATION BY CHAIR KEVIN	8	MR. BOWMAN:
9	FAGAN	9	A. That's right.
10	CHAIR:	10	CHAIR:
11	Q. I've only got a couple things I wanted to	11	Q. Okay. So, with regard to the rate design
12	touch on. On the MUN issue, I'm not	12	review, do you think there should be a
13	touching with respect to MUN substation,	13	specific aspect of the rate design review
14	just wanted cost of service and CIAC policy	14	that's just related to the overall
15	related. I just wanted to touch on the,	15	assessment of the MUN rate?
16	call it, your evidence with respect to – and	16	MR. BOWMAN:
17	it's primarily about transmission	17	A. I don't think the rate design review has to
18	allocation, when things are specifically –	18	do that. I think you can do that right now.
19	* *	19	CHAIR:
	you can say specifically assigned versus		
20	common with regard to connection costs. Is	20	Q. Okay. Second part was about the redundant
21	that fair?	21	supply. So, the redundant supply, assume –
22	MR. BOWMAN:	22	and I don't know all the details of it, but
23	A. Yes.	23	assume it was there because it was required
24	CHAIR:	24	for a hospital or something. I know
25	Q. Okay. So, your concern is regard to an	25	hospitals across the island often have two
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1	overallocation of transmission costs with	1	feeds and stuff like that. There's
2	respect to MUN, but in your evidence, you	2	standards required for feeding hospitals.
3	also touched on the allocation of	3	So, there's – so, if the second supply was
4	distribution costs. So, MUN's paying for	4	required to provide backup for the hospital
5	distribution costs through their customer	5	and so, MUN paid the full cost for that
6	rates as well, right?	6	supply. So, assume that's a scenario. So,
7	MR. BOWMAN:	7	they paid the full cost. So, you'd assume
8	A. Yes.	8	in future if there's further upgrades, I
9	CHAIR:	9	assume upgrades or replacement or sustaining
10		10	
	Q. Okay. So, and MUN is obviously the largest		capital required for that, that that would
11	customer in the class. So, it's fair to say	11	be funded by MUN as well in the future?
12	then, would you agree, that MUN's paying –	12	Would that be your expectation?
13	in your view, MUN's paying inadequate	13	MR. BOWMAN:
14	transmission costs but probably too much	14	A. Yeah, I think if it relates to a connection
15	distribution costs?	15	facility that benefits only MUN, then they
16	MR. BOWMAN:	16	should pay for it.
17	A. Yes, yeah.	17	CHAIR:
18	CHAIR:	18	Q. Okay. So, not just on the initial
19	Q. Okay. Now, because – so, there's	19	investment, but for the future investments
20	uncertainty whether MUN's overpaying or	20	as well?
21	underpaying right now because if they're so	21	MR. BOWMAN:
22	- such a large customer and they'd be	22	A. Yes, that's right.
23	picking up a large proportion of the	23	CHAIR:
1 4.)		24	
	distribilition costs within the cost of		
24 25	distribution costs within the cost of service study and through rates as well. Is	25	Q. Okay. MR. BOWMAN:

Page 85 Page 87 like that? Α. And that's the way NL Hydro does it with 1 1 2 their specifically assigned assets. 2 MR. BOWMAN: 3 CHAIR: 3 Well, I agree that that was the A. 4 Okay. And the additional load because of 4 justification for not charging MUN. I don't Ο. 5 the boilers that came on, so that additional 5 agree with its application. 6 load then would provide additional revenues 6 CHAIR: 7 7 from MUN. The CIAC policy recovers – it's a Okay. And I believe within the policy Q. 8 8 distribution cost, distribution revenues are that's on the record, there's a requirement 9 9 included in the – indeed the CIAC policy is to review the load that the customer gives 10 on the record, so there's this load support 10 Newfoundland Power to ensure that that load 11 in the CIAC policy which gives additional 11 arrives and two year – so, my understanding, 12 support to offset the revenues the customer 12 a two-year review. So, after two years, if 13 will pay in future. So, if the customer is 13 that load doesn't show up, then Newfoundland 14 anticipated to pay to recover those costs, 14 Power could go back and charge the customer. 15 it would be through future billings, not 15 So, it reduces the risk on other customers. through a payment upfront. Is that fair? So, you're familiar with that aspect of it? 16 16 MR. BOWMAN: MR. BOWMAN: 17 17 I understand that. 18 A. That's the way it's set up to be, yes. 18 A. 19 CHAIR: 19 CHAIR: 20 Q. Yes, okay. So, the additional load then, 20 O. Okay. Well, that's all the questions I 21 MUN's – as long as MUN is continuing to pay 21 have. Thank you. 22 rates that recover both distribution costs 22 MR. O'BRIEN: 23 as well should recover those additional 23 I have nothing arising. Thank you. Q. 24 costs that are incurred for the additional CHAIR: 24 25 transformer associated with the boilers. 25 O. Back over – oh, nothing. Going over to Ms. Page 86 Page 88 1 That's the concept, fair? 1 Glynn. 2 MR. BOWMAN: 2 MS. GLYNN: 3 That's the concept. Just to be clear, I'm 3 I believe we are finished with -4 not saying the CIAC policy should not relate 4 FITZGERALD, KC: 5 5 to customer served from the distribution Q. Nothing arising from us. 6 system. I'm saying like Hydro uses that, 6 MS. GLYNN: 7 7 uses the same CIAC policy for their So, I believe we are finished with our 8 distribution customers, but Hydro hives off 8 presentation of witnesses. As discussed, we 9 the Industrial Customers from that policy. 9 will discuss written submission dates and I 10 Those policies don't apply to the customers 10 think we are done. served directly from the transmission 11 11 CHAIR: 12 system. I'm saying a similar policy should 12 O. So, our agenda -MS. GLYNN: be in place for Newfoundland Power. 13 13 14 14 Oh yes, sorry. Ms. Galarneau just reminded CHAIR: O. me that we should put a plug out for our 15 Under the current circumstances where MUN is 15 Q. Public Participation date, July 9th. We have 16 paying rates which reflect both distribution 16 costs and transmission costs, the revenue 17 yet to have anybody confirm, but we will be 17 18 forecast from MUN would reflect the recovery 18 here July 9th, 9:00 for any member of the 19 of the distribution costs associated with 19 public that would like to come and speak to 20 that additional investment to provide that 20 the Board. CHAIR: 21 second transformer. That's the intention of 21 22 the – would you agree that's the reason 22 Q. And I'd like to thank everybody for your there would have been no charge to MUN for cooperation throughout the proceeding and 23 23 24 that additional three million – I believe 24 respect and dignity as we proceeded through three million dollar investment, something 25 25 it. So, thanks everybody. Adjourned.

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