

1 **Q: In Brattle's opinion, what are the objectives of a network additions policy that**
2 **should be used by the Board to assess the various proposals?**

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4 A. The objectives that policymakers should consider in assessing various proposals are
5 reflected in the principles that we have enunciated for a network additions policy. As
6 stated on page 32-33 of *Review of Existing and Proposed Network Additions Policies*
7 *for Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro*, our recommendations are guided by the
8 principles of cost causation (and its corollary of protecting existing customers), non-
9 discrimination and overall rate stability (*i.e.*, prevention of “rate shock”). As indicated
10 in our response to NLH-PUB-006 part a, the policy should balance these guiding
11 principles with practical implementation considerations.