

1 Q. **Reference: Reference Application**

2 Please provide a detailed description of the approach to implementing an EV charging network
3 in Newfoundland that would minimize the subsidy required from customers (through the
4 inclusion of costs in regulated rate base or a deferral account) or an alternate source such as the
5 Provincial or Federal government.

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8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") current approach will result in the construction
9 of a robust public electric vehicle ("EV") fast charging network to the benefit of all ratepayers on
10 the Island Interconnected System consistent with its statutory obligation to provide service to
11 customers at the lowest possible cost consistent with reliable service.

12 Hydro has partnered with private businesses to secure public charging sites at no cost. Please
13 refer to Hydro's response to CA-NLH-013 for more details surrounding the cost savings
14 associated with no cost site host leases.

15 Hydro has also received approval of government funding of \$55,000 per site. This funding will
16 provide for approximately 1/3 of the cost of each site to the benefit of ratepayers. See Hydro's
17 response to PUB-NLH-041 for more details surrounding this funding opportunity.

18 Finally, Hydro and Newfoundland Power Inc. have undertaken joint tendering of equipment
19 where economies of scale were achievable. Please refer to Hydro's response to CA-NLH-007 for
20 more details.