

1 Q. Please explain how the costs associated with the “make-ready model” will be treated.

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4 A. *This Request for Information relates to the Electrification, Conservation and Demand*
5 *Management Plan: 2021-2025 (the “2021 Plan”) developed in partnership by Newfoundland and*
6 *Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power (“Hydro” or, collectively, the “Utilities”). Accordingly,*
7 *the response reflects collaboration between the Utilities.*

8 The make-ready model provides support for customer investment in electric vehicle charging
9 infrastructure. The make-ready model includes the installation of electrical infrastructure to
10 enable customers to purchase and install a fast charger.¹

11 Similar to the connection of new customers, costs associated with connecting a charging site to
12 the distribution system will be incurred under the Extensions, Services, Transformers and
13 Meters capital projects.²

14 When a customer requests a new or upgraded service connection for a fast charger, Hydro will
15 follow the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities approved methodology to determine the
16 required utility and customer contributions. The customer investment is referred to as a
17 contribution in aid of construction (“CIAC”).

18 Under the make-ready model, an incentive will be provided as a credit to the customer’s CIAC to
19 offset a portion of the customer’s investment to purchase and install a fast charger.³

¹ “Application for Approvals Required to Execute Programming Identified in the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2021–2025,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. 1, July 8, 2021 (originally filed June 16, 2021), sch. 3, pp. 14–15.

² These are the “Utility Investment” costs outlined in “Application for Approvals Required to Execute Programming Identified in the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2021–2025,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. 1, July 8, 2021 (originally filed June 16, 2021), sch. 3, sch. J, p. 1 of 2, fig. J-1. This may include upgrades to transformers and service capacity, installing meters or running new service drops to specific areas of a host site, such as in a parking lot at a workplace.

³ The make-ready model is planned to be available to customers in 2022. The Utilities will offer a credit to customers up to a maximum of \$50,000 per site.

- 1 Incentive costs associated with the make-ready model will be charged to the proposed
- 2 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Cost Deferral Account.⁴

⁴ See “Application for Approvals Required to Execute Programming Identified in the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2021–2025,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. 1, July 8, 2021 (originally filed June 16, 2021), sch. 1, app. B, for the definition of the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Cost Deferral Account.