

1 **Q. Reference: “2021 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland Power, July 9, 2020,**  
2 **Volume 1, Schedule B, Table 1 at p. 88 of 98.**

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4 **The 2023–2025 Shared Server Infrastructure expenditures reflect an average annual**  
5 **cost projection of \$745,000. Please provide details to support this increase.**

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7 A. The *Shared Server Infrastructure* project is driven by the lifecycle replacement of  
8 existing infrastructure, upgrading infrastructure to extend its service life, and adding  
9 infrastructure to support new computing requirements.

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11 Over the period 2016 to 2020, expenditures under the *Shared Server Infrastructure*  
12 project averaged approximately \$869,000 annually. Expenditures are forecast to average  
13 approximately \$667,000 over the 2021 to 2025 period.

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15 *Shared Server Infrastructure* expenditures are higher in 2024 due to a forecast increase in  
16 capacity requirements.<sup>1</sup> This increase in capacity requirements is driven by planned  
17 upgrades to the Company’s Outage Management System and Geographic Information  
18 System commencing in 2024. *Shared Server Infrastructure* expenditures otherwise  
19 remain stable over the forecast period.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Shared Server Infrastructure* expenditures are forecast to be \$1 million in 2024. Approximately \$350,000 of forecast expenditures relate to this increase in capacity requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Forecast expenditures total \$559,000 in 2022, \$586,000 in 2023, \$1,000,000 in 2024, and \$650,000 in 2025. See the *2021 Capital Budget Application, Volume 1, 2021 Capital Plan, Attachment B, page B-6*.