

1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-055) Is it not true that EY in reference to the CSS replacement**
2 **project did not assess the option of leasing, and provide information as to what leasing**
3 **arrangements were out there as a cost controlling measure?**
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5 A. The issue of leasing as it pertains to the CSS Replacement Project was fully described in
6 responses to Requests for Information CA-NP-078 and CA-NP-153 filed as part of
7 Newfoundland Power's 2021 *Capital Budget Application*.
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9 In Order No. P.U. 12 (2021) approving the *Customer Service System Replacement*
10 project, the Board stated:
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12 *"The Board is satisfied that there was a full review of all reasonable*
13 *alternatives and that the replacement of the customer service system is*
14 *reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances based on the*
15 *obsolescence of the existing system and the risks associated with the*
16 *continued operation of this system."*¹

¹ Order No. P.U. 12 (2021), page 9, lines 37-40.