

1 **Q. (Reference Application, 2023 Capital Budget Overview, page 12, Table 3)**

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3 **a) Please show SAIDI levels in 2011 and 2020 along with the objective of**

4 **the Atlantic utilities; i.e., to maintain current levels of reliability, to beat**

5 **the Canadian average, etc. Please provide the information in the table**

6 **for each individual Atlantic utility and for NL Hydro.**

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8 **b) Please reframe Table 3 by showing capital expenditures for the given**

9 **years on a per-customer basis.**

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11 A. a) The reliability data used by Newfoundland Power related to other utilities is

12 obtained from databases maintained by Electricity Canada.¹ Under Electricity

13 Canada's confidentiality rules, data supplied to it by member utilities can only be

14 produced in aggregate. Newfoundland Power is unable to provide data

15 pertaining to individual Atlantic Canadian utilities.

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17 Newfoundland Power is not aware of the specific reliability objectives of the

18 Atlantic Canadian utilities. However, it is clear that they view reliability as a

19 priority. On its website, Nova Scotia Power states, "*That's why we spend more*

20 *than \$100 million each year on repairs, upgrades and improvements to the*

21 *electrical system across the province.*"

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23 In its latest rate application, Maritime Electric states that it "*makes capital*

24 *investments in the electricity supply system to ensure that, as required by*

25 *Section 3(a) of the Electric Power Act, it is sustained in a condition that provides*

26 *reliable service to customers.*"

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28 b) The requested capital expenditure data for the Atlantic Canadian utilities is not

29 readily available to Newfoundland Power.

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31 The data provided for the Atlantic Canadian utilities in the *2023 Capital Budget*

32 *Overview*, page 12, Table 3, reflects the average Property, Plant and Equipment

33 in Transmission and Distribution assets of NB Power, Nova Scotia Power and

34 Maritime Electric. This Property, Plant and Equipment information is based on

35 the audited and publicly available financial statements of each utility.

¹ On March 1, 2022, the Canadian Electricity Association was renamed Electricity Canada. Electricity Canada is referred to as the Canadian Electricity Association, or CEA, in Newfoundland Power's *2023 Capital Budget Application*.