1 Q. Reference: CA-NLH-109

For 2021 and 2022 please provide a table showing the actual spend amount added to rate base for each year by program/project as well as the corresponding CBA budget amount.

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Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") Capital Budget Application ("CBA") requests approval from the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("Board") of a number of proposed projects and programs with specific estimated budget amounts. The actual capital spend for each project and program is not added to rate base until the asset is entered into service once the work is complete; the total rate base for that year is then submitted to the Board for approval. Many of the projects proposed are multi-year projects, which have budget amounts each year as set out in the CBA. However, the amount added to rate base would be the total amount of the multi-year project, added in the year in which the project was completed. As a result, the actual spend added to rate base in each year does not necessarily equate to the amount proposed in the CBA.

The requested table, for a comparison per year, is not readily achievable. Hydro submits that the requested information—which would compare the annual and total project budget with the actual annual and total project spend—is provided in Hydro's annual Capital Expenditures and Carryover report.