Q. (2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application, Volume 1, Exhibit 2, page 8) It is stated "The specific sites for each location will be selected through a public application process." Please provide details of how the public application process might work. What are the expected costs for land and how will the costs be incorporated in the deferral account?

A. Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro issued a public request for applications on November 23, 2020 to seek submissions from parties interested in hosting an electric vehicle charging station. Information about the application process was available on the takeCHARGE website. The request for applications was promoted through print and online advertising, as well as direct email communications. The application process closed on December 11, 2020.

Applications for charging station sites will be evaluated based on the estimated cost of installation at the proposed site and against a number of criteria. Upon approval of the 2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application, selected applicants will be asked to enter a 10-year rental agreement for placement of the electric vehicle chargers. The land for the charging stations will be provided by successful applicants through a no-cost land lease. As a result, there are no land costs to be incorporated in the deferral account.

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For the criteria applied in selecting sites for electric vehicle charging stations, see the 2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application, Volume 1, Exhibit 2, page 7. These criteria are consistent with Federal Government recommendations.