

1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, Distribution Reliability Initiative, page 47 of 99)**
 2 **Please confirm that Newfoundland Power proposes to spend annually about 4.5 times**
 3 **the amount of money on this initiative in the years 2024 through 2026 than it proposes**
 4 **to spend in 2022, and please explain the reasons why.**

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 6 A. Newfoundland Power confirms that its capital plan for the years 2024 through 2026
 7 includes annual expenditures for the *Distribution Reliability Initiative* (“DRI”) project
 8 that are about 4.5 times greater than the amount proposed in 2022.¹

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 10 Table 1 provides DRI project expenditures in actual dollars for 2017 to 2021F.

Table 1
DRI Project Expenditures
(\$000s)

Year	Actual Expenditures
2017	816
2018	2,713
2019	1,636
2020	2,139
2021F	700

11 Over the last 5 years, expenditures for the DRI project have averaged approximately
 12 \$1.6 million annually, ranging from \$700,000 to \$2.7 million. For the period 2024
 13 through 2026, DRI project expenditures are forecast to be consistent with the previous 5
 14 years, averaging approximately \$1.6 million annually.

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 16 The DRI project is reviewed annually based on reliability statistics. The expenditures
 17 ultimately proposed in a given year may vary based on this review.

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 19 For the 2022 DRI project, the Company is proposing to rebuild a relatively short, 2 km
 20 section of its Broad Cove (“BCV”) Substation feeder BCV-04 at an estimated cost of
 21 \$350,000.

¹ In actual dollars, expenditures in 2024 through 2026 total \$4.7 million, and average \$1.567 million annually. Compared to 2022, this is approximately 4.5 times greater ($1.567 / 0.35 = 4.48$).