

1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, Electric Vehicle Charging Network, page 54 of**
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 4 **a) Please confirm that this project has not received Board approval.**

5 **b) Is it premature for Newfoundland Power to be seeking approval of the second year**
 6 **of a program that has not yet been approved by the Board?**

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 8 **A. a) It is confirmed that this project has not been approved by the Board.**

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 10 **b) No, it was not premature for Newfoundland Power to include the *Electric Vehicle***
 11 ***Charging Network* project (the “Project”) in its 2022 Capital Budget Application.**

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 13 Under the existing *Capital Budget Application Guidelines* (the “Guidelines”), utilities
 14 may seek Board approval of capital expenditures through 2 means: (i) annual capital
 15 budget applications; or (ii) applications for supplemental capital expenditures.¹

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 17 Regarding supplemental applications, the Guidelines state:

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 19 *“Where a utility determines that a capital expenditure which was **not***
 20 ***anticipated** and included in the annual capital budget is necessary in the*
 21 *year and should not be delayed until the following year it may make an*
 22 *application for approval of a supplemental capital expenditure in the*
 23 *year.”² [emphasis added]*

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 25 The proposed Project is a result of the *Electrification, Conservation and Demand*
 26 *Management Plan: 2021-2025*, which was filed with the Board on December 16,
 27 2020. The Project was therefore anticipated and was appropriate to include in the
 28 Company’s *2022 Capital Budget Application*, which was filed on May 18, 2021.

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 30 On July 7, 2021, the Board advised the parties that it will consider the proposed
 31 Project separately from the rest of Newfoundland Power’s *2022 Capital Budget*
 32 *Application*.³ This decision was based on the determination that additional
 33 information is required on Newfoundland Power’s *2021 Electrification, Conservation*
 34 *and Demand Management Application* and to ensure the timely consideration of the
 35 Company’s *2022 Capital Budget Application*.⁴ The Board advised that a separate
 36 process for the Project will be scheduled upon the conclusion of the *2021*
 37 *Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application*.⁵

¹ See Policy 1900.6 issued by the Board on June 2, 2005 and revised in October 2007.

² See page 9 of the Guidelines.

³ See the Board’s July 7, 2021 letter regarding *Newfoundland Power Inc. – 2022 Capital Budget Application – Electric Vehicle Charging Network Project*.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.