

1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-008) Please reconcile the response to CA-NP-005 relating to**  
2 **Newfoundland Power's 2021 Capital Budget Application which states "Newfoundland**  
3 **Power does not currently employ a methodology for prioritizing capital expenditures"**  
4 **with the response to CA-NP-008 which states "Newfoundland Power employed a**  
5 **prioritization process for its 2022 Capital Budget Application." Is project prioritization**  
6 **something that Newfoundland Power initiated for the 2022 CBA?**

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8 A. The reconciliation requested is provided in response to Request for Information  
9 CA-NP-008. That response states:

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11 *"The Requests for Information posed by the Consumer Advocate as part of*  
12 *the Company's 2021 Capital Budget Application related to a "prioritized*  
13 *list of projects" based on matters being discussed as part of the ongoing*  
14 *Capital Budget Application Guidelines review.*

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16 *Newfoundland Power does not employ a methodology to rank the relative*  
17 *priority of capital projects in a list format. The Company does, however,*  
18 *employ a comprehensive planning process to ensure all capital projects*  
19 *necessary to meet its statutory obligations are appropriately prioritized*  
20 *and all other projects are deferred."*

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22 The capital planning process Newfoundland Power employed to prioritize or defer capital  
23 expenditures for its 2022 *Capital Budget Application* is consistent with that used for its  
24 previous capital budget applications.