

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application) Will Newfoundland Power be able to meet its mandate**
2 **if the Board does not approve every dollar requested in its 2023 Capital Budget**
3 **Application? Specifically, what projects and capital amounts could be deferred**
4 **without affecting Newfoundland Power's ability to meet its mandate?**
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- 6 A. Newfoundland Power's mandate is to provide service to customers in a manner
7 consistent with the provisions of the *Public Utilities Act* (the "Act") and the *Electrical*
8 *Power Control Act, 1994* (the "EPCA"). It is Newfoundland Power's position that all
9 capital expenditures proposed as part of its *2023 Capital Budget Application* are
10 necessary to meet the requirements established in the Act and the EPCA.