Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, New Street Lighting, page 60) Why was there a significant reduction in costs for this program in 2021?

A.

In Newfoundland Power's 2021 Capital Budget Application there was a single Street Lighting project, combining the expenditures for both new and replacement street lights. The Company's 2023 Capital Budget Application reorganized the street lighting budget into two programs, New Street Lighting and Replacement Street Lighting, to match the categories and investment classifications included in the Board's Provisional Guidelines, effective January 2022.

Annual expenditures for the *New Street Lighting* program vary depending upon the number and scope of requests received from customers. Overall, expenditures for new street lighting installations in 2021 were comparable to expenditures for new street lighting installations in 2017.

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