

1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-031) It is stated “The topic of integrated resource planning**
2 **is ongoing as part of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s Reliability and**
3 **Resource Adequacy Study review, of which Newfoundland Power is a**
4 **participant.” Does Newfoundland Power perform integrated resource planning**
5 **for its distribution system?**

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7 A. No, Newfoundland Power does not perform integrated resource planning specific to its
8 distribution system. Integrated resource planning is a consultative process where
9 utilities work with other utility partners, stakeholders, and the regulator to plan for the
10 long-term future of the electricity system. The Board has previously concluded that:

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12 *“Integrated Resources Planning is a complex regulatory issue which should be*
13 *considered in the context of a generic process involving both utilities and other*
14 *interested parties.”¹*

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16 As stated in the response to Request for Information CA-NP-031, the topic of integrated
17 resource planning is ongoing as part of Hydro’s *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study*
18 review, of which Newfoundland Power is a participant.

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20 Newfoundland Power’s distribution planning and capital planning processes include the
21 application of technical criteria, economic analyses and assessments of alternatives.
22 These processes are used to complete a fulsome review of all viable options necessary
23 to provide safe, reliable and least cost electrical service to customers.

¹ See Order No. P.U. 14 (2004), page 149.