

1 **Reference: Schedule B, Page 19: Electric Vehicle Charging Network (\$594,000)**
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3 **Q. Please confirm if Newfoundland Power will be applying for any Provincial**
 4 **and/or Federal funding to offset the costs of the EV chargers. Also, will the**
 5 **installation of level 2 chargers be dependent on receiving government**
 6 **funding?**
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8 A. On August 11, 2022, Newfoundland Power submitted a funding application to Natural
 9 Resources Canada under the *Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure* program. The
 10 application seeks funding of \$800,000 to offset costs to customers associated with
 11 installing 10 EV charging sites that were proposed in Newfoundland Power's *2022*
 12 *Capital Budget Application*.¹
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14 A primary parameter of this funding is to acquire signed letters of understanding from
 15 selected site hosts. The 2023 EV charging stations are intended to be installed at
 16 existing charging sites that experience high usage. However, as the majority of
 17 charging sites were activated in June and July 2022, there is insufficient data to select
 18 the optimal sites at this time.² As the funding program closed on August 11, 2022, site
 19 hosts and letters of understanding could not be obtained in time to avail of the funding
 20 for 2023.³
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22 Newfoundland Power will continue to actively monitor available third-party funding
 23 opportunities for EV charging infrastructure. Whether the Company applies for available
 24 funding is dependent upon the parameters of the funding and the specifications of each
 25 project.
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27 No, the installation of Level 2 chargers in 2023 will not be dependent on receiving
 28 government funding.⁴ At a cost of approximately \$5,000, the installation of a Level 2
 29 charger is a cost-effective means to provide overflow capacity for customers to charge
 30 their EVs when the Direct Current Fast Chargers ("DCFC") are occupied. Level 2
 31 chargers also provide adequate charging services for plug-in hybrid vehicles that are not
 32 compatible with DCFC infrastructure.

1 ¹ Proposed capital expenditures for the *EV Charging Network* in 2022 are under review by the Board. In
 correspondence to Newfoundland Power on July 7, 2021, the Board advised that the proposed expenditures
 would proceed separately from the rest of the Company's *2022 Capital Budget Application* and that a separate
 process would be scheduled at a later date upon conclusion of the *2021 Electrification, Conservation and*
Demand Management Application.

2 ² See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-010, part a), for the month activated and usage data of
 each charging station approved for installation to date.

3 ³ See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-010, part b), for information on how site hosts will be
 determined.

4 ⁴ See Newfoundland Power's *2023 Capital Budget Application, Schedule B*, page 19, for more information on the
 project description.