

1 **Q. (Reference Application, 2025 Capital Budget Overview, page 5) It is stated “A**
2 ***combination of operational technologies and adequate tools and equipment***
3 ***are necessary to ensure the effective and efficient deployment of the***
4 ***Company’s workforce.” If the Board were to cut the proposed capital budgets***
5 ***for operating technology and tools and equipment by 5% how, and to what***
6 ***extent, would reliability be impacted?***
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8 A. There is no single, discrete capital project or program included in Newfoundland Power’s
9 *2025 Capital Budget Application* for “operating technologies” and “tools and equipment”
10 as those terms are used in the referenced quotation.¹
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12 Newfoundland Power cannot quantify the change in reliability that would occur under
13 the hypothetical scenario referenced in this Request for Information. All projects and
14 associated costs included in the Company’s *2025 Capital Budget Application* are
15 necessary to meet its statutory requirements. For more information on the relationship
16 between reliability and cost, see the response to Request for Information CA-NP-015.

¹ There is a program in Newfoundland Power’s *2025 Capital Budget Application* to add or replace tools and equipment used in the Company’s day-to-day operations. However, the general “equipment” referenced in this Request for Information is a broader category. See Newfoundland Power’s *2025 Capital Budget Application, Schedule C*, page 8 of 9.