

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, 5.1 Port Union Building Replacement, page 11) It is**
2 **stated “This project is required to replace deteriorated infrastructure, to**
3 **ensure compliance with occupational health and safety regulations, and to**
4 **ensure adequate facilities are available to provide safe, least-cost and reliable**
5 **electrical service to customers in the Area.” Please explain how this project**
6 **provides least cost and reliable service to customers in the area.**
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- 8 A. The Port Union Building is Newfoundland Power’s centre of operations for the Bonavista
9 area, providing reliable service to 5,903 customers from Bonavista in the north to
10 Charleston in the south. Newfoundland Power’s *2025 Capital Budget Application*, report
11 *5.1 Port Union Building Replacement* provides an assessment of alternatives which
12 determined that replacing the facility is the least cost alternative compared to
13 refurbishing the existing facility. Additionally, see the response to Request for
14 information PUB-NP-037 for further analysis on how replacing the facility is the least
15 cost alternative compared to relocating the Port Union staff to Clarenville.