

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, Schedule B, Substations) Please confirm that all**
2 **projects included in the substation refurbishment and modernization program**
3 **are “required to provide reliable service to customers at the lowest possible**
4 **cost.”**
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- 6 A. Substation Refurbishment and Modernization projects are required to provide customers
7 with access to safe and reliable service, in an environmentally responsible manner, at
8 the lowest possible cost.
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- 10 Refurbishment and modernization projects address aged, deteriorated and obsolete
11 substation equipment, which reduces in-service failures and ensures compliance with
12 current industry standards and good utility practices.¹ Substation infrastructure is critical
13 to electrical system reliability as unplanned substation outages can result from failure of
14 this infrastructure, affecting thousands of customers. In the *2025 Capital Budget*
15 *Application*, Newfoundland Power is proposing to refurbish and modernize Northwest
16 Brook (“NWB”), Summerville (“SMV”) and Lockston (“LOK”) substations. These
17 substations contain a significant amount of aged, deteriorated and obsolete equipment.
18 Refurbishing and modernizing these substations will ensure the continued provision of
19 safe and reliable service to customers supplied by NWB, SMV and LOK substations.

¹ For more information, see the response to Request for Information CA-NP-115.