

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application) In the Capital Budget, who is responsible for the**
2 **evidence to testify at a technical conference or in an oral public hearing?**
3 **What lead individuals are responsible for testifying for each capital budget**
4 **expenditure?**
5
- 6 A. In an effort to maximize the efficiency of the regulatory process, it is typical Board
7 process to narrow the scope of technical conferences and oral hearings to an identified
8 set of issues. This is normally done by circulating issues lists among the parties to a
9 proceeding. In advance of oral hearings with sworn witnesses, applicants typically
10 circulate witness lists of the individuals who will provide oral testimony on issues
11 identified through the Board's process. Similarly, for technical conferences, presenters
12 are identified in advance. Newfoundland Power is unable to speculate on who might
13 best provide information to the Board in the absence of a focused issues list.