

1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-028)**

2 **Please confirm that NP does not have a 5-year distribution expansion plan. If**  
 3 **not confirmed, please file a copy for the record showing how the 2025 capital**  
 4 **budget is consistent with this plan.**

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- 6 A. Newfoundland Power's distribution planning processes, documentation, and participation  
 7 in industry organizations and with peers ensures proper planning of the distribution  
 8 system.<sup>1</sup> Newfoundland Power's distribution system is planned and constructed in a  
 9 manner consistent with its *Distribution Planning Guidelines, Service and Metering Guide,*  
 10 *and Schedule of Rates, Rules and Regulations.* The Company's *Distribution Planning*  
 11 *Guidelines* are consistent with the *Distribution Planner's Manual* produced by the  
 12 Distribution Line Asset Management Interest Group of the Centre for Energy  
 13 Advancement through Technological Innovation, to which Newfoundland Power was a  
 14 contributor. In addition, Newfoundland Power's System Planning Department  
 15 coordinates regularly with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") System  
 16 Planning Group to support Hydro's annual Transmission Planning Assessment.  
 17 Newfoundland Power's plans related to the distribution network over the next five years,  
 18 including information related to electrification opportunities and the Provincial  
 19 Government's *Renewable Energy Plan*, are contained within the *2025 Capital Budget*  
 20 *Application*, including the *2025-2029 Capital Plan*.<sup>2</sup>

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22 Further to the response to Request for Information ("RFI") CA-NP-028, see the  
 23 responses to RFIs PUB-NP-027, PUB-NP-074 and PUB-NP-091 filed in relation to  
 24 Newfoundland Power's *2025/2026 General Rate Application* ("2025/2026 GRA"), for  
 25 information related to the Company's energy solutions and conservation and demand  
 26 management initiatives, which are behind-the-meter initiatives.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See the 2025/2026 GRA, Newfoundland Power Rebuttal Evidence, May 28, 2024, section 4.5.2 – Distribution Planning.

<sup>2</sup> See also the responses to RFIs PUB-NP-043 and PUB-NP-044, filed in relation to the 2025/2026 GRA, for information on the Company's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

<sup>3</sup> Newfoundland Power is currently conducting an Electrical Vehicle ("EV") Load Management Pilot Project, to investigate the benefits of behind-the-meter management of EV load.