

1 **Q. Reference: "2027 Capital Budget Application," Newfoundland Power Inc.,**
2 **May 29, 2026, Supporting Materials, Substations: 2.3, Portable Substation,**
3 **pp. 5 and 13–15.**

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5 **Newfoundland Power states that approximately three power transformers on**
6 **average are expected to be proactively retired annually and that the proposed**
7 **additional portable substation will not replace any existing portable**
8 **substations, but will provide an additional unit to address increasing demands**
9 **on the fleet.**

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11 **a) Does Newfoundland Power intend to increase the pace of power**
12 **transformer replacements beyond approximately three replacements**
13 **per year over the 2027-2031 forecast period? If so, please provide the**
14 **expected annual number of replacements and the basis for that**
15 **forecast.**
16 **b) If Newfoundland Power expects to increase the pace of power**
17 **transformer replacements beyond approximately three per year, please**
18 **explain whether additional portable substations, above the existing**
19 **fleet and the portable substation proposed in the 2027 Capital Budget**
20 **Application ("CBA"), would be required.**

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22 **A. a)** No, Newfoundland Power does not intend to increase the pace of planned power
23 transformer replacements beyond approximately three replacements per year
24 over the 2027-2031 forecast period.¹

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26 See the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-008 for additional details.

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28 **b)** As indicated in the response to part a), Newfoundland Power does not currently
29 expect to increase the pace of planned transformer replacements beyond
30 approximately three replacements per year over the 2027-2031 period. As such,
31 the Company does not require additional portable substations, above the existing
32 fleet and the portable substation proposed in the *2027 Capital Budget*
33 *Application*, over the forecast period.

¹ See the *2027 Capital Budget Application*, report 2.2 *Substation Power Transformer Strategy*, Appendix E.