

1 **Q. Reference: "2027 Capital Budget Application," Newfoundland Power Inc.,**
2 **May 29, 2026, Supporting Materials, Substations: 2.3, Portable Substation,**
3 **pp. 5, 9, and 11.**

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5 **Newfoundland Power states that its existing fleet of four portable substations**
6 **has historically been adequate to meet operational requirements, while also**
7 **noting that overlapping planned deployments have periodically reduced**
8 **available fleet flexibility while maintaining emergency response coverage.**
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10 **Please confirm whether Newfoundland Power has experienced any situation**
11 **from 2021 to 2025 in which a portable substation was required for planned**
12 **work or emergency response but no technically compatible portable**
13 **substation was available. If confirmed, please provide the date, substation,**
14 **affected equipment, duration, customer impact, and mitigation used.**
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16 **A.** Newfoundland Power has not identified any situation between 2021 and 2025 where
17 planned work or emergency response could not proceed because a technically
18 compatible portable substation was unavailable. There were an estimated five days¹ in
19 total during which all portable substations were energized and in service.² The
20 Company's existing fleet of four portable substations has historically been adequate to
21 meet operational requirements and to maintain emergency response capability.

¹ Newfoundland Power's portable substation operating philosophy is to always have at least one unit available for emergency response. From July 27 to July 31, 2023, portable substation P3 was installed at Long Pond ("LPD") Substation to adjust the tap position of the LPD-T1 tap changer. Due to the nature of the work, P3 could have been decommissioned and mobilized within a timely period if an emergency had arisen during the five-day window.

² See the *2026 Capital Budget Application*, response to Request for Information NLH-NP-010.