Q. Schedule 1, Page 10, Lines 20-21. The Application states that "The scope to replace the diesel plant is estimated to be \$35.2 million and would include the construction of a new diesel plant building, fuel storage yard, and substation." Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$35.2 million estimate and clarify the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering ("AACE") Class of the estimate.

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Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") estimate for the replacement of the Rigolet Diesel Generating Plant was based on cost estimates for the replacement of similarly-sized plants for communities in southern Labrador as prepared for the additional information submission to Midgard Consulting Inc.'s Integrated Resource Plan report filed as part of Hydro's ongoing Long-Term Supply for Southern Labrador proceeding, which was derived utilizing component costs from the Class 3 estimate for the construction of the regional plant.¹ While the estimates used in that report were considered Class 4 estimates, a specific site has not yet been selected for the replacement of the Rigolet Diesel Plant; therefore, Hydro considers the estimate for the replacement of the Rigolet Diesel Plant to be in the range of an Advancement of Cost Engineering Class 5 estimate, or a "screening" level estimate, as is typically used for alternative screening. As this is a high-level screening estimate, Hydro is unable to provide a detailed breakdown.

¹ Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro – 2021 Capital Budget Supplemental Application Approval of the Construction of Hydro's Long-term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador – Revision 1 – Safe and Reliable Power Supply to Charlottetown – Reply," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, October 5, 2023, att. 1.