

1 Q. **Reference: Application Rev. 1, Volume 1, Section D: Projects Over \$200,000 but less than**
2 **\$500,000, Purchase Meters and Metering Equipment, pages D-45 to D-48**

3 On what basis did Hydro determine that 120 demand meters and 908 residential meters must
4 be purchased in 2021?

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7 A. Revenue meters are purchased each year to supply new service requests as well as to replace
8 existing meter inventory that is required to be removed for government ordered testing,
9 damage, technological change, or obsolescence.

10 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") Meter Shop is directed by Measurement Canada
11 to remove a specific number of meters for testing and that quantity changes year to year
12 depending on the expiry date of the meters. In addition, Hydro reviews the average number of
13 new service requests and damaged units recorded over recent years in projecting its metering
14 inventory requirements. Hydro also includes an estimate for new meters that are expected to be
15 required for technological change and to replace those that have become obsolete. The total of
16 all three of those categories becomes the basis for the meter requirements reflected in the
17 capital budget.