

1 Q. **Reference: Application**

2 On December 20, 2021 the Board issued its Provisional Capital Budget Application Guidelines. In
3 its cover letter the Board states *"Before the provisional guidelines are finalized and the review is*
4 *concluded, the Board will seek further input from the participants."* It goes on to say *"The Board*
5 *will establish the process for the conclusion of the capital budget guidelines review next year*
6 *when there is more clarity as to the scope of the Government's review and the impact of the*
7 *renewable energy plan."* Please provide each communication that Hydro has received from the
8 Board with respect to finalizing the Provisional Guidelines issued on December 20, 2021.

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11 A. All correspondence sent to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro related to the finalization of the
12 provisional Capital Budget Application Guidelines¹ from the Board of Commissioners of Public
13 Utilities has been copied to the Office of the Consumer Advocate. The most recent
14 communication was sent on May 23, 2025 and is provided as Attachment 1.

¹ "Capital Budget Application Guidelines (Provisional)," Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, January 2022.



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Dear Madam/Sirs:

Re: Capital Budget Application Guideline Review - To Parties - Update on Review Process

The Board is currently undertaking an Asset Management System Assessment of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") to obtain insight on when it can expect changes to Hydro's approach to capital planning, capital additions and replacements based on asset management principles. EA Technology Ltd has been engaged by the Board to assist in this process and is expected to file a final report in the 4th quarter of 2025. Upon completion of the asset management assessment, the Board will advise of next steps in the review of the Capital Budget Application Guidelines.

If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Director of Regulatory, Mr. Ryan Oake, by email at roake@pub.nl.ca, or by telephone 709-726-1097.

Sincerely,

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