Q. **Reference: CA-NLH-033**

It is stated that "*Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is not seeking approval of a metering system project in the 2027 Capital Budget Application ("CBA").*" The 2027 Capital Budget Overview, Appendix A, page A-6 includes a Mandatory Project identified as "Purchase Meters and Metering Equipment" at an estimated cost of $737,600 in 2027. Is this a metering project? If so, in an effort to determine if these meters are likely to become stranded, please respond to CA-NLH-033.

A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is not seeking approval of a specific metering system project within its 2027 Capital Budget Application. The Purchase Meters and Metering Equipment (2027) program is intended to maintain Hydro's inventory of metering equipment, and is required under legislation to provide reliable and accurate revenue metering to customers and maintain compliance with the Government of Canada's Electricity and Gas Inspection Act and Regulations. The program mitigates the risk associated with meeting regulatory requirements and inaccurate readings and maintains the integrity of the metering installations.