

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application Schedule B, pages 53 and 54 of 98) For the Feeder Additions**
2 **for Load Growth (Clustered) project, why is there such a large increase in projected**
3 **cost (50% in years 2023 through 2025 over the proposed 2021 level)? How does this**
4 **large projected cost increase correlate with electricity demand growth?**
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- 6 A. Forecast costs for the *Feeder Additions for Load Growth* project are higher in 2023 due
7 to costs associated with supplying the new hospital in Corner Brook. The estimated cost
8 of supplying the new hospital is approximately \$1.9 million in 2023. Otherwise,
9 expenditures for this project are forecast to remain reasonably stable over the 2022 to
10 2025 period.¹
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- 12 Forecast costs for the *Feeder Additions for Load Growth* project in 2023 to 2025 are
13 necessary to address overload conditions and provide additional capacity to address
14 growth in the number of customers and volume of energy deliveries.

¹ Costs for this project are forecast to be approximately \$3.6 million in 2022. This compares to average expenditures of approximately \$3.4 million annually over the 2023 to 2025 period when excluding expenditures related to the new Corner Brook hospital.