

1 **Q. (Reference Application) With respect to the Capital Budget Guidelines, in NP's**  
2 **opinion is the onus on the utility to fully support with evidence expenditures in the**  
3 **Capital Budget or is the onus on the intervenors to submit evidence indicating that a**  
4 **capital expenditure is not needed? What does NP consider to be the body of**  
5 **evidence in a Capital Budget Application which the PUB should consider in making**  
6 **a decision?**

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8 A. It is Newfoundland Power's position that the onus is on the utility to fully support with  
9 evidence the expenditures proposed in its capital budgets.

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11 As noted by the Board in correspondence dated August 21, 2020, the question as to what  
12 is considered evidence in a capital budget application is a process-related question that is  
13 not specific to Newfoundland Power's *2021 Capital Budget Application* and is the  
14 subject of an ongoing regulatory process.

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16 For purposes of the *2021 Capital Budget Application*, Newfoundland Power considers all  
17 of the material filed by it in support of its capital expenditure proposals, including its  
18 responses to Requests for Information, to be Newfoundland Power's evidence to be  
19 considered by the Board.