

- 1 **Q. In CA-NP-161 NP states "*Specific configurations for successful delivery of***  
2 ***Newfoundland Power's requirements will be determined during the procurement stage***  
3 ***of the project.*" Does this suggest that there could be significant variations in actual**  
4 **costs from budget given that "*specific configurations*" are not yet known? Are there**  
5 **different configurations for a new system that would be less costly than the one**  
6 **advanced by Newfoundland Power in its application?**  
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- 8 A. Most modern CIS systems provide similar functionality that support core utility business  
9 processes. The assessment and planning project demonstrated that Newfoundland  
10 Power's business requirements will be delivered through a modern solution's  
11 base/standard configuration (i.e. without customization). "Specific configurations" that  
12 will be determined during the procurement stage of the project" does not suggest  
13 significant variations in actual costs from current estimates. Configuring the system is  
14 included in current cost estimates.