

1 **Q. Please advise as to the policy guidance that was provided by the provincial**
2 **government in the development of the 2021 Plan.**

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4 A. *This Request for Information relates to the Electrification, Conservation and Demand*
5 *Management Plan: 2021-2025 (the “2021 Plan”) developed in partnership by*
6 *Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro” or, collectively,*
7 *the “Utilities”). Accordingly, the response reflects collaboration between the Utilities.*

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9 The Provincial Government did not provide specific policy guidance to the Utilities in
10 developing the 2021 Plan.

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12 Development of the electrification programs contained in the 2021 Plan was based on the
13 objective of customer rate mitigation. This is consistent with the recommendations of the
14 Board as part of the Reference on Rate Mitigation Options and Impacts. In its Final
15 Report, the Board encouraged the Utilities to work with the Provincial Government on
16 the development of the most appropriate electrification and CDM programs for the
17 province.¹

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19 Development of the 2021 Plan included consultations with the Provincial Government.
20 The Provincial Government provided a letter of support for the 2021 Plan. The
21 Provincial Government’s letter states:

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23 *“The plan indicates the province's utilities are taking actions to begin addressing*
24 *the electrification, and conservation and demand management (CDM)*
25 *recommendations in the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Rate*
26 *Mitigation Options and Impacts Report. The Board's report demonstrated clearly*
27 *that these action areas have excellent potential to assist with our rate mitigation*
28 *efforts.”²*

¹ See the Board’s Final Report on *Rate Mitigation Options and Impacts: Muskrat Falls Project*, February 7, 2020, page 63.

² See the *2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application, Volume 2, Schedule M*, page 1.