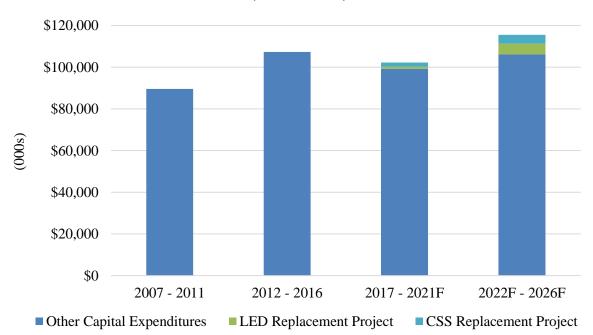


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Q. (Reference Application, 2022 Capital Plan, page 1) It is stated "Newfoundland Power's 5-year capital plan forecasts average expenditures of approximately \$123 million annually through 2026." Please provide a comparison of the forecasted annual capital expenditures of approximately \$123 million to actual capital expenditures over the past 15 years.

Figure 1 provides a comparison of annual average capital expenditures over the last 15 years and forecast capital expenditures over the period 2022F to 2026F on an inflation-adjusted basis.

Figure 1 **Annual Average Capital Expenditures** (2007 to 2026F)



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Forecast capital expenditures include once-in-a-generation projects associated with: (i) the replacement of existing street lights with more efficient LED fixtures; and (ii) replacement of the Company's obsolete Customer Service System ("CSS"). Forecast capital expenditures are otherwise reasonably consistent with recent experience. On an inflation-adjusted basis, capital expenditures are forecast to average approximately \$106 million annually when excluding these projects. This compares to approximately \$107 million annually over the period 2012 to 2016.