

1 **Q. (Reference 2026-2030 Capital Plan, Appendix A, Table A-1, Table A-5) Capital**  
2 **expenditures in 2029 are forecast to increase by more than 60% relative to**  
3 **2026. Table A-5 indicates that Generation accounts for a large portion of this**  
4 **increase (forecast to increase to \$87.3 million in 2029 compared to \$2.5**  
5 **million in 2026). What actions is NP taking to manage this increase to**  
6 **mitigate the impact on rates?**

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8 **A.** The projected increase in capital expenditures in the Generation asset class in 2029  
9 primarily reflects the execution of the refurbishment of the thermal generation site at  
10 Greenhill. As outlined in Newfoundland Power's *2026-2030 Capital Plan*, the Greenhill  
11 gas turbine, as well as the Wesleyville gas turbine and generation units in Port aux  
12 Basques have been in service since the 1960s and 1970s. Recent condition assessments  
13 have identified that these units are approaching or have reached end of life.<sup>1</sup>

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15 The Company is currently undertaking a review of its thermal assets, which includes  
16 detailed condition assessments of thermal generation units, refinement of refurbishment  
17 cost estimates, and assessments of alternatives. In addition, Newfoundland Power will  
18 conduct a joint planning study with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") to  
19 assess alternatives to mitigate transmission planning contingencies associated with  
20 Hydro's Sunnyside and Stonybrook 230kV transmission loops.

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22 Any future proposed capital expenditures associated with a refurbishment of thermal  
23 assets would be subject to review and approval by the Board. As with all capital  
24 applications before the Board, Newfoundland Power would be required to demonstrate  
25 that the proposal is consistent with the provincial power policy outlined in the *Electrical*  
26 *Power Control Act, 1994*, and all other legal and regulatory requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> See Newfoundland Power's *2026 Capital Budget Application, 2026-2030 Capital Plan, section 2.4.5 Generation*.