

1 **Q. (Reference 2024 Capital Expenditure Report, Appendix A- Variance Notes)**
2 **Footnote 7 (page 4 of 5) states "*Metering material costs in 2024 have***
3 ***increased on average 27% when compared to 2023.*" What is the cause of this**
4 **increase?**

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6 **A.** Metering materials purchased from the vendor were approximately \$646,000 in 2024 and
7 \$506,000 in 2023, an increase of approximately 27%. This increase reflects both
8 increases in vendor pricing as well as additional metering material purchases in 2024 to
9 maintain inventory levels.