

1 **Q. (Reference 4.2 - Geographic Information System Upgrade) It is stated (page**
2 **2) "*Today, GIS plays a critical role in decision-making, emergency response,***
3 ***and resource management, offering enhanced capabilities and***
4 ***functionalities." Would smart meters (AMI technology) likewise "*play a****
5 ***critical role in decision-making, emergency response, and resource***
6 ***management, offering enhanced capabilities and functionalities*"?**
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8 **A.** Yes, Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") technology has the potential to enhance
9 decision-making, emergency response and resource management.¹
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11 While AMI can offer enhanced functionalities, transitioning to AMI at this time would
12 increase the costs borne by customers for metering. For additional information on the
13 Company's assessment of AMI, see the AMI Update.²

¹ As examples, AMI meters can increase outage location accuracy, provide remote confirmation of power status at customer meters, and enable remote interrogation of voltage and power status at the meter. Newfoundland Power observes that AMI is not the sole mechanism to achieve efficiencies in the areas of decision-making, emergency response, and resource management. For examples on how the Company deploys technology to achieve efficiencies, see the response to Request for Information CA-NP-093, part b).

² See Newfoundland Power's *2026 Capital Budget Application, 2026-2030 Capital Plan*, Appendix B.