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Pages 103-104, Cybersecurity Upgrades Project. On page 103, Newfoundland Power states that the Cybersecurity Upgrades Project focuses on strengthening the cybersecurity infrastructure. Is there any overlap in the work that will be conducted under this project and the Shared Server Infrastructure Project set out on pages 99-102, which also includes work to meet cybersecurity requirements? Please explain.

A. There is no overlap between the *Cybersecurity Upgrades* project and the *Shared Server Infrastructure* project.

The *Cybersecurity Upgrades* project is focused on enhancing the Company's cybersecurity posture based on its cyber risk management program. Projects included in *Cybersecurity Upgrades* project are focused on implementing new technologies, and enhancing existing systems to improve security and reduce cyber risk. Specific project details pertaining to cybersecurity controls are not publicly disclosed to protect sensitive information.

The *Shared Server Infrastructure* Project involves specific infrastructure upgrades to increase the availability and scalability of servers, increase storage capacity and mitigate hardware obsolescence. Ensuring that infrastructure systems are maintained and supported by vendors is best practice to mitigate cyber risk, which is the reason cybersecurity factors may be referred to in relation to the *Shared Server Infrastructure* Project.

These two projects do not duplicate or intersect with the other; cybersecurity projects focus on protecting the company's digital assets from cyber threats, while infrastructure project upgrades update and maintain the physical and technological infrastructure that support Company operations.