

1 **Q. In reference to the General Rate Application 2003, paragraph 17(h), please provide**
2 **reasons as to why the request for the \$425,000 in additional capital expenditures for**
3 **the Load Research Study was not included in the 2003 Capital Budget.**
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5 A. The request for the \$425,000 in additional capital expenditure for Load Research Study
6 was not included in the 2003 Capital Budget because the Company felt rates testimony
7 would be required to justify the expenditure.
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9 Given this, Newfoundland Power decided to defer the consideration of the issue to the
10 General Rate Application when rates issues would be considered.