

1 Q. **Reference: Application**

2 What environmental benefits could result from these capital budget expenditures?

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5 A. While some projects or programs that Newfoundland and Labrador (“Hydro”) submits for  
6 approval have certain environmental benefits—such as the terminal station projects that will  
7 address components suspected to contain polychlorinated biphenyls—in general, Hydro’s  
8 expenditures are necessary and intended to meet its legislated mandate to provide reliable  
9 service at the lowest possible cost and to provide service and facilities that are reasonably safe  
10 and adequate and just and reasonable in an environmentally-responsible manner.