

1 **Q. Reference: Transcript, June 26, 2024, page 113, lines 1 to 3.**

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3 **Newfoundland Power to provide the date on which smart meters for the load**  
4 **research study were orderd.**

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6 A. Meters for the load research study (the “Meters”) were ordered by Newfoundland Power  
7 on September 14, 2023. A number of activities were required before Newfoundland  
8 Power was able to order the Meters.

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10 Newfoundland Power’s *Load Research and Rate Design Framework*, was filed with the  
11 Board on December 30, 2022 in accordance with Board Order.<sup>1</sup> Following a request for  
12 proposals issued by the Company in February 2023, DNV was selected as the successful  
13 load research consultant. Throughout the first and second quarter of 2023, Newfoundland  
14 Power worked with internal metering and billing departments, as well as with DNV and  
15 the meter vendor to validate the proposed technology solution. To expedite the process,  
16 Newfoundland Power was able to acquire a sample meter from a sister utility in February  
17 2023.

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19 DNV completed its Load Research Study Plan on June 15, 2023 which was circulated to  
20 the Parties for feedback on June 16, 2023. The Consumer Advocate provided feedback on  
21 July 25, 2023 which included increasing the number of meters required to complete the  
22 study. Newfoundland Power incorporated the comments from the Consumer Advocate  
23 into the Load Research Study Plan and responded to this feedback on August 10, 2023.

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25 A request for quotation for the Meters was sent to the meter vendor by Newfoundland  
26 Power on August 15, 2023, after which the vendor provided their quote on August 23,  
27 2023. Following internal approval, a purchase order was completed on Septemebr 14,  
28 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. P.U. 3 (2022).