

1 Q. (Reference 2017 GRA Volume I, page 1.9) It is stated (lines 12 to 17) *"In 2020,*  
2 *commissioning period energy is anticipated to be available from the Muskrat Falls*  
3 *Plant. The Maritime Link will also be available and there may be opportunities via*  
4 *the ML to purchase short term supplies to further reduce fuel use. This opportunity*  
5 *will be managed by Nalcor Energy Marketing, on behalf of Hydro, who has met with*  
6 *Nova Scotia Power and other market participants to determine if, and how much,*  
7 *non-firm "economy" energy is available."* Given that Hydro expects to start  
8 purchasing energy over the ML as early as December 1, 2017, and given that Nalcor  
9 has already been in discussions with market participants, please provide a table  
10 identifying the expected source, cost, availability, timing and savings (relative to  
11 energy generated at Holyrood TGS) of energy purchases over the ML.

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14 A. The completion and in-service of the Maritime Link will enable opportunities for  
15 economy trade between Newfoundland and Labrador and the electricity markets in  
16 the Maritime provinces and New England. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro,  
17 through its affiliate Nalcor Energy Marketing (NEM), already has the permits and  
18 authorizations necessary to participate in these markets and take advantage of  
19 these opportunities as they arise.

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21 Given the confidential nature of negotiations, Hydro is unable to provide details  
22 regarding potential economy energy purchases over the Maritime Link. Should  
23 Hydro be successful in entering a commercial arrangement for energy purchases  
24 over the Maritime Link, it will inform the Board at that time.