

1 Q. (Reference 2017 GRA Volume I, page 3.45) It is stated (lines 20 to 21) “*In*
2 *accordance with FERC standards, the Newfoundland and Labrador System Operator*
3 *(NLSO) has been created to act as the independent system operator for the*
4 *Province.*” Does formation of the NLSO influence the timing of when off-island
5 purchases will be made to displace high-cost thermal generation on the Island?
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8 A. The Newfoundland and Labrador System Operator (NLSO) will facilitate the
9 provision of transmission service associated with off-island purchases as soon as
10 transmission facilities that can deliver these energy purchases to the island are
11 available. The NLSO does not directly influence the timing of off-island purchases,
12 but rather facilitates them through the coordination of transmission service.