

1 Q. (Reference Application Volume 1, page 1.11) It is stated (lines 6 – 9): *“Nalcor’s June*
2 *23, 2017 project update stated that average island residential electricity rates are*
3 *expected to increase to 22.89 cents (¢) (plus HST) per kilowatt hour (kWh) in 2021 as*
4 *a result of the Muskrat Falls Project. The present average rate for these customers is*
5 *11.7 ¢ per kWh (plus HST), a gap of 11.19 ¢ per kWh.”* The expectation is that rates
6 will almost double (96% increase) owing to the Muskrat Falls project. Please provide
7 a comparison of an average rate of 22.89 cents/kWh to other Canadian
8 jurisdictions. Are more recent estimates of the rate impacts of Muskrat Falls
9 available since the June 23, 2017 estimate?

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12 A. The 22.89 cents/kWh cited above is a forecast rate for 2021. Please refer to page 22
13 of 26 of Hydro’s response to IC-NLH-122, Attachment 1 for a forecast electricity rate
14 comparison. Hydro does not have rate projections for other Canadian jurisdictions
15 beyond what is provided in this table.

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17 Please refer to Table 1 for a comparison of Canadian electricity prices as at April 1,
18 2017, retrieved from Hydro Quebec’s 2017 Report on the Comparison of Electricity
19 Prices in Major North American Cities. The average residential rates included in
20 Table 1 are based on usage of 1,000 kWh per month.

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22 Hydro does not have a more recent estimate of the rate impacts of Muskrat Falls
23 since the June 23, 2017 estimate.

Table 1 Comparison of Canadian Electricity Prices as at April 1, 2017

Province	cents/kWh
Calgary, AB	10.450
Charlottetown, PEI	16.420
Halifax, NS	16.150
Moncton, NB	12.970
Montreal, QC	7.070
Regina, SK	15.940
St. John's, NL	11.150
Toronto, ON	16.320
Vancouver, BC	11.080
Winnipeg, MB	8.710
Average	12.626