

1 Q. (PUB-NLH-109) The response states “Based on the current in-service date of the
2 Labrador-Island Link (LIL) and the Labrador Transmission Assets (LTA), anticipated to
3 be July 1, 2018, in order to obtain the full benefits of the LIL and the LTA, the
4 necessary processes for the open access regime will need to be proposed for
5 approval by July 1, 2018.” Please expand on this response. Specifically, what
6 benefits are obtained from LIL/LTA transmission before implementation of the open
7 access regime, what benefits are obtained from LIL/LTA as a result of
8 implementation of the open access regime, what benefits are obtained from ML
9 before implementation of the open access regime, and what benefits are obtained
10 from ML as a result of implementation of the open access regime?
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13 A. Hydro anticipates having an open access regime prior to the availability of the
14 Labrador-Island Link and the Labrador Transmission Assets. With an open access
15 regime in place, access to external markets through the use of transmission outside
16 the Province would result in additional benefits including the ability to:
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- 18 • Import lower cost energy to displace thermal generation;
- 19 • Increase security of supply by incorporating imports; and
- 20 • Sell to external markets any energy that might be available in excess of Hydro’s
21 needs.

22 In addition to the benefits outlined above, the Interconnection Operators
23 Agreement between Hydro and Nova Scotia Power enable the utilities to work
24 together to ensure mutual benefits of the Maritime Link (ML) interconnection,
25 including the already agreed provisions for reserve¹ and emergency assistance that

¹ Please refer to Hydro’s response to NP-NLH-255.

1 will increase reliability to both. In the event that Hydro does not have an open
2 access regime in place prior to the availability of the ML, Hydro will still be able to
3 access reserve and emergency assistance via the ML.