

1 Q. **NLH Evidence, Section 5.2, page 5.4 and 5.5**

2 Citation:

3 Hydro and its parent company, Nalcor Energy (Nalcor), will be expected to provide  
4 open access to its transmission facilities during the transition period. The provision  
5 of open access requires the implementation of a transmission tariff which conforms  
6 to universally-accepted reciprocity standards. Under an open access regime,  
7 operating and maintenance costs associated with transmission facilities are  
8 recovered through a published transmission tariff. Reciprocity standards require  
9 that Hydro also pay the same published transmission tariff that is chargeable to  
10 outside third parties that want to flow energy on the Provincial transmission grid.

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12 Please indicate:

- 13 a) who will expect Hydro and Nalcor Energy to provide open access to its  
14 transmission facilities during the transition period, and on what basis,  
15 b) what entity establishes the reciprocity standards that require that Hydro pay  
16 the same published transmission tariff that is chargeable to outside third  
17 parties that want to flow energy on the Provincial transmission grid, and  
18 c) when Hydro intends to submit an Open Access Transmission Tariff for Board  
19 approval.

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22 A. a) Please refer to Hydro's response to NP-NLH-066.

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24 b) In United States jurisdictions, it is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
25 (FERC) that establishes the reciprocity standards. In Canada, provinces have  
26 jurisdiction over the matter, and the authority is generally delegated to the  
27 provincial energy regulator.

- 1 c) Hydro has been in consultation with the provincial government to discuss
- 2 the required processes for establishing an open access transmission regime
- 3 in the Province.