

1 Q. In Hydro’s view, would it need either a legislative change and/or authorization from
2 the Board in order to:

3 a. deny service to a potential general service customer, if doing so would create
4 unacceptable consequences for system reliability with existing infrastructure?

5 b. Require capital contributions from a general service customer if, in order to
6 provide service to that customer, it would have to make capital improvements
7 to its infrastructure that cannot be characterized as Specifically Assigned assets?
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10 A.

11 a. Hydro currently requires approval from the Board pursuant to section 54(4) of
12 the *Public Utilities Act* to deny service to a potential general service customer
13 under any circumstances. A legislative change or an exemption from this
14 requirement under section 4.1 of the *Public Utilities Act* would be necessary to
15 enable Hydro to deny service to a potential general service customer without
16 Board approval.
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18 b. Hydro can require a contribution from a general service customer to make
19 capital improvements relating to distribution line extensions as per the
20 Contribution in Aid of Construction Policy (“CIAC”) approved by the Board. This
21 project is for the construction of a transmission line that benefits all customers
22 in Happy Valley Goose Bay area and therefore, the CIAC policy for general
23 service customer distribution line extensions is not applicable.