

1 Q. With reference to IC-NLH-35, did Hydro investigate or consider whether, in the jurisdictions
2 where the approximately 60% of utilities fund EV programs either solely through customer rates
3 or through a combination of rate payer recovery and government funding, there is legislation or
4 other governmental direction which mandates recovery of EV program costs from the rate
5 payers? Does Hydro consider that there is any legislation or other governmental direction
6 applicable in this Province which mandates the recovery of EV program costs from rate payers?

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9 A. No, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is not aware of whether there is legislation or
10 other governmental direction mandating recovery of electric vehicle (“EV”) program costs from
11 the rate payers in the approximately 60% of utilities that fund EV programs through customer
12 rates. Please refer to Hydro’s response to IIC-NLH-035, Attachment 1 for a copy of the survey
13 data.¹

14 There is no current legislation or government direction that specifically mandates the recovery
15 of EV programs from ratepayers in Newfoundland and Labrador. However, Hydro notes that
16 Section 3(b)(iii) of the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994* requires that electricity be delivered in
17 the province at the lowest possible cost consistent with reliable service. The EV related
18 programs contained in the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan are
19 forecast to result in lower costs for customers on the Island Interconnected System over the
20 longer term and are therefore consistent with legislation in this province.

¹ IIC-NLH-035, Attachment 1, p. 21 of 53.