

1 Q. Are there deadlines related to the federal funding available for DCFC and Level 2 charging
2 stations?

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5 A. Yes, there are two key deadlines associated with the federal funding currently approved for
6 both Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) and Newfoundland Power Inc.
7 (“Newfoundland Power”).

8 As the agreement stipulates that the federal contribution will only be made in respect to those
9 eligible expenditures incurred prior to March 31, 2022, Hydro will need to incur a minimum level
10 of project costs on or before that date. A major component of expenditures eligible for funding
11 relate to the site work required for each charging location (e.g., construction of the concrete
12 pad, conduit, bollards, etc.). Given this work cannot be completed in winter months due to snow
13 cover, particularly on the Great Northern Peninsula and Labrador, Hydro must begin capital
14 spend no later than October 1, 2021 in order to have the opportunity to meet this funding
15 deadline.¹

16 The other funding deadline requires that the project be complete and open to the public no
17 later than November 30, 2022; however, there is little risk associated with meeting this
18 requirement.

¹ It is expected that the portion of funding relating to equipment purchases would be achievable; however, even with project work beginning on October 1, 2021, risk remains that a portion of funding attributable to site work will be unavailable due to the work being incurred outside the eligible expenditure period. If approval of the capital work is granted, Hydro and Newfoundland Power would take all possible steps to ensure the maximum amount of funding given the revised project timelines and location related time constraints.