

- 1 Q. As set out in Table 5: Project Schedule at page 16 of Schedule 2, front-end engineering and
2 project approval is set to be completed in the Third Quarter of 2023 with environmental
3 assessment following shortly thereafter.
- 4 a) Please provide any details as to how expected environmental assessment processes may
5 have been impacted by the revised application.
- 6 b) Please provide a detailed plan and any contingencies should the environmental
7 assessment process result in any delays.
- 8 c) Please provide any plans and processes for how Hydro intends to ensure appropriate
9 tracking, monitoring, and follow up of any commitments that it makes as part of the
10 environmental assessment process.
- 11 d) At Section 5 on page 17 of Schedule 2, Hydro states that it will consult with the NCC as
12 part of the environmental assessment process to address its stated concerns. Please
13 provide further details on how Hydro intends to consult with NCC as part of the
14 environmental assessment process.
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- 17 A. a) The original application contemplated a phased interconnection, while the revised
18 application proposed a full interconnection strategy. The type and amount of information,
19 component studies and analysis required in the environmental assessment process remains
20 consistent between the original and revised applications. The largest impact to the
21 environmental assessment process relates to timeline and schedule for registration of the
22 undertaking. The review process remains unchanged.
- 23 b) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has included an allocation of approximately
24 one year for completion of the environmental assessment process in its project schedule; in
25 the event that the environmental assessment process is not concluded in accordance to this
26 schedule, Hydro would continue to rely on its current configuration which involves the use
27 of mobile gensets in Charlottetown, until such time that permanent generation is placed
28 into service. Hydro notes that any potential mitigation of the service risk for Charlottetown

1 would involve the construction of additional diesel generation, and would be subject to the
2 same environmental assessment process.

3 **c)** An integral part of the environmental assessment process is tracking conditions of
4 environmental assessment release/approval and other commitments. Hydro intends to
5 develop a commitments registry to track these tasks. In addition to tracking tasks, the
6 registry would allow for the responsible person(s) and appropriate milestones to be
7 assigned. Review meetings will be conducted to evaluate tasks in the registry and develop
8 recovery plans should the need arise. The registry is considered a live document until all
9 conditions and commitments have been closed and communicated to the appropriate
10 stakeholder(s).

11 **d)** As noted in Hydro's response to part b) of NCC-NLH-017 of this proceeding, Hydro will
12 continue to provide NunatuKavut Community Council ("NCC") with information related to
13 the project as it becomes available. This includes sharing the information that is filed within
14 the environmental assessment process with NCC and holding ongoing dialogue to ascertain
15 and, where necessary, reasonably address any impacts resulting from the project that are
16 identified during the process.

17 Additionally, Hydro understands that upon registration of the undertaking within the
18 environmental assessment process, there is also the ability for interested persons/parties,
19 such as NCC, to have their concerns heard and addressed by Hydro within that process.