

1 Q. **Reference: Application, Page 4, Section 3.0**

2 On May 13, 2021, Hydro, in partnership with the Government of Canada, announced a study to
3 assess the “value of bringing more renewable integration to isolated communities in Labrador
4 and investigates options including a fully integrated system.” Does Hydro foresee the results of
5 this study impacting the long-term supply for southern Labrador?

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8 A. Although the announcement was made on May 13, 2021, the study referenced is the November
9 2020 *Labrador Interconnection Option Study*, which is provided in Newfoundland and Labrador
10 Hydro’s (“Hydro”) response to LAB-NLH-015. This study was part of a larger process to inform
11 Hydro’s electricity supply strategy for isolated Labrador communities. Hydro’s objective was to
12 better understand the feasible options so that it could continue to work with stakeholders to
13 find environmentally and socially responsible long-term solutions. The analysis demonstrated
14 that the best options for long-term sustainability and fuel displacement involve the integration
15 of renewable energy solutions. As noted in Hydro’s response to PUB-NLH-001, interconnection
16 of the southern Labrador communities provides greater potential for integration of renewable
17 energy sources than the continued operation of individual, community-based diesel generating
18 stations.