

1 Q. **Reference: CA-NLH-062**

2 The response states “Subject to project approval, Hydro would obtain the easement for the new
3 right-of-way.” What process would Hydro follow to obtain the new right-of-way and how long
4 would it take? For example, 1) what approvals would be necessary, 2) would an environmental
5 assessment be required, and 3) would Hydro be required to purchase the land or obtain an
6 easement, and if so, how would it go about doing so?

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9 A. As per the *Works, Services and Transportation Act*,¹ Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
10 (“Hydro”) is permitted to erect poles 1.5 metres from the outside boundary of a road
11 reservation.

12 Should the easement fall outside of the road reservation, Hydro will apply to Crown Lands for an
13 easement. The application submitted to Crown Lands would go out to several government
14 referral agencies, as determined by Crown Lands, as well any municipalities that the easement
15 would overlap. One of the referral agencies could be Environmental Assessment; however, that
16 is determined by Crown Lands. Hydro would not be required to purchase the land, Hydro would
17 obtain an easement. The time for this varies and the process is administered by Crown Lands;
18 however, Hydro does follow up with Crown Lands to ensure the application is working its way
19 through the process in a timely manner.

¹ *Works, Services and Transportation Act*, SNL 1995, c W-12, s 29(1).