

1 Q. **Reference: Volume II - Tab 7 - Capital Projects \$200,000 to \$500,000 - Replacement of Short-**
2 **Term Load Forecasting Software**

3 The Application states on page 25, lines 10-11, that “This project involves replacing Hydro’s
4 current short-term load forecasting software, Nostradamus, with an enhanced service-based
5 product that is actively supported by the software developer.”

- 6 a) Has a product been selected? If so, please identify it.
- 7 b) Please provide a list of other utilities that are currently using the purposed system and
8 which of these utilities Hydro contacted to discuss the merits of the software?
- 9 c) Are there other costs that will be incurred by Hydro to integrate and operate this
10 product within Hydro’s current environment?

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13 A. a) No, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has not selected replacement software. If
14 this project is approved, Hydro will release a request for proposals (“RFP”) for the
15 replacement.

16 b) Hydro is unable to provide a response to this question as no replacement software has been
17 chosen. As noted in part a, following approval of the project, Hydro will issue an RFP for the
18 replacement. Hydro will include the requirement for responding parties to list all utilities
19 currently using its software package as part of its RFP requirements. Hydro’s evaluation of
20 RFP submissions will also consider the experience and capabilities of responding parties.

21 c) Hydro believes it has appropriately accounted for the full integration and operation of new
22 software. The estimate provided includes provision of the software package itself, as well as
23 costs for both internal and external resources to support the successful integration of the
24 program. Additional costs, if any, associated with the integration and operation of new
25 software will not be known until a replacement has been chosen.