

1 Q. Please confirm that Hydro continues to believe that there will not be reliability issues in the near
2 term with or without the LIL (2019 Update, Volume II). Is Hydro satisfied that any near-term
3 reliability issues that may come up can be addressed with purchases over the Maritime Link?

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6 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) confirms that once the Labrador-Island Link (“LIL”)
7 is placed in-service, system risk is reduced to within acceptable levels.

8 In the event the LIL remains out of service, as observed in Hydro’s Near-Term Reliability Report,
9 filed with the Board on May 15, 2020, the degree of near-term risk present in the system is
10 dependent on the availability of the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station (“Holyrood TGS”) This
11 is similar to the level of system risk present in previous three winter seasons, during which there
12 have been no loss of load events.

13 The analysis presented in the Near-Term Reliability Report confirms that in the event of
14 unavailability of the Holyrood TGS up to 20%, the risk of generation shortfall could be mitigated
15 by securing firm imports of between 50 and 100 MW over the Maritime Link during peak hours.
16 It is also important to note that the availability of the LIL, even at levels observed in 2018–2019,
17 would result in a similar or greater increase in system reliability.