

1 Q. **Reference: Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study – 2022 Update, Volume III: Long Term**
2 **Resource Plan, October 3, 2022, Attachment 3, Independent Review of Hydro’s Load Forecast**
3 **2022, page 6.**

4 Hydro should continue to make resource decisions that can be modified or can
5 move aggressively to address need. The pending analysis of renewable energy
6 options will likely provide additional insights relative to the ability of Hydro to
7 plan for alternative futures effectively.

8 What actions has Hydro taken in its 2022 Update to follow the recommendation above made by
9 its consultant Daymark?

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12 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is currently undertaking the necessary steps to
13 determine and evaluate all alternative supply options available to ensure reliability and meet
14 future load growth, including gas turbines. Hydro will include principal environmental factors in
15 the evaluation of alternative supply options that will be provided to the Board of Commissioners
16 of Public Utilities (“Board”) in the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study – 2023 Update. In
17 addition, Hydro has begun the front-end execution planning process of bringing the project
18 documentation for Unit 8 at the Bay d’Espoir Hydroelectric Generating Facility to the required
19 standard to prepare an application for approval by the Board. This will include the preparation
20 of an AACE¹ Level 3 Construction Schedule and Basis. This schedule will define the timeline;
21 however, current estimates have submission in the first quarter of 2024.

¹ Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering (“AACE”).