

- 1 Q. In response to PUB-NLH-022, Hydro estimates that they have adequate borrowing capacity to
2 make approximately five months in payments for the Muskrat Falls project without rate
3 mitigation funding or additional revenues from customers.
- 4 (a) When does Hydro anticipate having confirmation of the timing of the availability of the
5 rate mitigation funding to assist with these monthly payments?
- 6 (b) In the absence of certainty regarding the receipt of rate mitigation funding, at what
7 point will Hydro apply for rate relief to continue the monthly payments for the Muskrat
8 Falls Project?
- 9 (c) Are there ongoing discussions between Hydro and the provincial government to
10 determine what options would be available from government if the rate mitigation
11 funding is not in place within the five-month period?
- 12 (d) If rate mitigation funding and rate relief are not in place within the five months noted by
13 Hydro, what are Hydro's options beyond the options from government?
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- 16 A. (a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") anticipates having confirmation of the timing
17 of the availability of the rate mitigation funding to assist with these monthly payments by
18 late November.
- 19 (b) Hydro has not made a determination regarding the timing of an application to the Board of
20 Commissioners of Public Utilities for the recovery of the cost of the Muskrat Falls Project
21 from customers; this determination is dependent on information to be provided by the
22 provincial government.
- 23 (c) There are ongoing discussions with the provincial government on the development and
24 implementation of a rate mitigation plan to ensure that rate mitigation funding is available
25 to limit the amount of Muskrat Falls Project costs deferred for future recovery from
26 customers.

- 1 (d) If the development and implementation of a rate mitigation plan are delayed such that rate
2 mitigation funding and rate relief are not in place, Hydro would work with the provincial
3 government, its shareholders, and financial institutions to increase Hydro's borrowing
4 capacity and establish additional financing options.