

1 Q. Did Hydro explore other capacity assistance availability options with Corner Brook Pulp and
2 Paper for winter 2023-2024 given the potential violations of its reliability criteria reported in the
3 November 15, 2023 Near-Term Reliability Report?

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6 A. The proposed capacity assistance agreement with Corner Brook Pulp and Paper Limited
7 (“CBPP”) allows Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) to purchase all of the capacity
8 CBPP can make available to Hydro within ten minutes on a firm capacity basis. Additionally,
9 proposed terms provide operational flexibility whereby Hydro can purchase a higher amount of
10 capacity or for a longer period if it is required and available, as further described in Hydro’s
11 response to PUB-NLH-010 of this proceeding.

12 Hydro would explore the additional capacity assistance options included in the proposed
13 agreement in the event they are required due to system risks and reliability. The usage of the
14 additional options would be short-term in nature and based on the specific needs at that time.