

1 Q. **Reference: Application, Update Cyber Security Infrastructure (2023)**

2 Does Hydro conduct its own cyber security assessments or does it rely on outside expertise? Has
3 Hydro ever had an outside expert come in to assess its cyber vulnerabilities?

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6 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) uses a combination of both internal and external
7 resources and expertise to conduct assessments of its security posture. Internally, Hydro has
8 implemented systems that highlight any vulnerabilities and recommend mitigations. In addition,
9 Hydro engages external firms to conduct vulnerability assessments/penetration tests to further
10 enhance the security posture of Hydro’s critical infrastructure. Hydro utilizes the results of both
11 internal and external assessments, in addition to consideration of industry best practices and
12 assessment of emerging cybersecurity threats, to identify the need for investment in
13 cybersecurity infrastructure.