

1 Q. **Reference: Application**

2 Please provide for the record a copy of Hydro's distribution planning guide explaining its
3 planning approach, how integrated resource planning is incorporated including distributed
4 generation and renewable forms of generation, and how reductions in harmful environmental
5 emissions and government zero-carbon initiatives are taken into account.

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8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") approach to distributed generation and
9 renewable forms of generation is included in Hydro's Rural Isolated Systems Generation
10 Planning Criteria. A copy of the planning criteria is included in Hydro's "Long-Term Supply for
11 Southern Labrador" application.¹

12 Further discussion on how Hydro delivers on its legislated mandate of providing least-cost,
13 reliable service in an environmentally responsible manner is provided in Hydro's response to
14 CA-NLH-032 of this proceeding.

15 Further information on the impact of the government's net zero-carbon initiatives on isolated
16 generation is included in Hydro's response to CA-NLH-055 of this proceeding.

¹ "Long-Term Supply for Southern Labrador," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro," rev. May 31, 2023 (originally filed July 16, 2021), sch. 1, att. 1, app. D.