

1 Q. **Reference: Application, 2023 Capital Expenditures Overview, page 4**

2 It is stated

3 Complexities in completing the engineering and planning work, compounded by
4 performance issues with the owner’s engineer that Hydro had initially
5 contracted for this project, resulting in more effort required and greater use of
6 external technical resources.

7 Please elaborate further on this statement. Specifically, who is the “owner’s engineer”, what
8 was its involvement in the project and how were performance issues settled?

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11 A. For the details on the owner’s engineer’s involvement in the project and how the performance
12 issues were settled, please refer to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s response to PUB-NLH-
13 026 of this proceeding. The identity of the third-party contractor is not necessary for a
14 satisfactory understanding of the matters to be considered in the 2024 Capital Budget
15 Application as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996*.¹

¹ Nfld Reg. 39/96, s 14.