1 Q. Reference: CA-NLH-014.

Hydro has assumed that two units will be required to be online through the winter period; however, the number of units and level of production is dependent on system conditions. If the Labrador-Island Link ("LIL") is found to perform well for an extended period and system conditions permit, Hydro may have the opportunity to strategically remove the Holyrood TGS units from operation.

How did Hydro determine it would be appropriate to operate the Holyrood TGS with two units online as opposed to three? Please provide any analysis used by Hydro to make the decision.

A. The Holyrood Thermal Generating Station ("Holyrood TGS") operating strategy is a near-term generation adequacy topic. The operating strategy is provided in the Holyrood Overview section of the Capital Budget Application ("CBA") for context; it does not have any implications for the projects proposed in the 2024 CBA. The level of capital investment required is based on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's assumption that all three units are fully available; however, the actual operation of the Holyrood units will be dictated by system requirements. Further discussion on the near term Holyrood TGS operation and operating philosophy will be provided in the Near-Term Reliability Report, which will be filed with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on November 15, 2023.