Q. Reference: Schedule 2 Five-Year Plan (2024-2028), Page 3, lines 4–17

Hydro stated that it anticipates filing application(s) for approval of additional generation in the second half of 2024. What process does Hydro have in place to consider and determine how future generation additions will influence the proposed 2024 capital budget for which it is now requesting approval and the Five-Year 2024-2028 Capital Plan? In the response include the schedule for addressing the implications of additional generation applications for the 2024 capital budget and Hydro's Five-Year Capital Plan.

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Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") next update of its Resource Adequacy Plan, with an expected filing date in the spring of 2024, will provide more information on the nature and timing of future generation additions. As the specifics of Hydro's future generation additions become clear, Hydro intends to assess the impacts of any such projects on its sustaining capital plan. This assessment will include a review of available internal and external resources, outage availability, and risk assessment of any work deferred to accommodate generation addition projects. Hydro anticipates that this assessment will be first reflected in its 2025 Capital Budget Application ("CBA") with further refinement in its 2026 CBA. As stated in the Reliability and Resource Adequacy technical conference, held on May 1 and 2, 2023, Hydro anticipates updates to its Resource Adequacy Plan to become a more iterative process. Any new projects identified in these updates will need to be incorporated into Hydro's overall capital plan.

Given the expected timing of the next Resource Adequacy Plan and any subsequent applications, Hydro does not expect a significant impact on the proposed 2024 Capital Plan.