

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 4 2023 Capital Expenditures Overview, Page 19, lines 9–16**

2 Hydro stated that it would be in a position to update project costs and schedule for the Bay
3 d’Espoir Penstock 1 project when the EPCM contract was awarded which was anticipated to be
4 tendered in July 2023. Please provide an update on the status of the tendering process and
5 whether the EPCM contract has been awarded.

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8 A. Given the high priority of this project and the criticality of the assets, Newfoundland and
9 Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is committed to ensuring the quality and completeness of the request
10 for proposals (“RFP”) document prior to tendering. The scope of service included in this RFP is
11 more broad and complex than typical Hydro contracts; as such, a new template for the RFP had
12 to be developed, which required a substantial review and approval process. Additionally, during
13 the development of the detailed engineering scope and in conjunction with Hydro’s Dam
14 Engineering department, a potential risk was identified pertaining to slope stability with Dam
15 LD1. As the scope of work to replace the penstock involves partial excavation of the toe of Dam
16 LD1, it was determined additional geotechnical investigative work and a corresponding report
17 would be required and that a slope stability analysis deliverable must be included in the scope
18 of work of the RFP.

19 This review process has been completed and the RFP has been issued.