

- 1 **Q. Please advise what coordination has occurred between Hydro and Newfoundland**
2 **Power re the operation and placement of the MGT.**
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4 A. The protocol for sharing equipment, such as the MGT, between Newfoundland and
5 Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) and Newfoundland Power is detailed in a longstanding
6 memorandum of understanding completed in 2000.¹ This memorandum still guides the
7 sharing of services and equipment between the utilities.²
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9 Coordination between Hydro and Newfoundland Power regarding the operation and
10 placement of the MGT can take place at: (i) the Inter-Utility System Planning and
11 Reliability Committee meetings;³ (ii) the annual Outage Co-ordination Meeting;⁴ or (iii)
12 as required between technical staff at both utilities.⁵

¹ The memorandum of understanding for sharing services and equipment was filed as Attachment A in the response to Request for Information CA-17(I) to Newfoundland Power’s 2003 Capital Budget Application.

² Updated June 28, 2006.

³ For example, at the November 1, 2013 meeting of the Inter-Utility System Planning and Reliability Committee, Hydro requested the MGT be located at Holyrood to provide emergency station service at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station. The unit was connected to the system at Holyrood on December 12, 2013. For more detail on the process that led to the MGT being stationed at the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station, see the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-038 of the *Investigation and Hearing into Supply Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System*.

⁴ For example, coordination of the annual maintenance for radial transmission lines TL214 and TL215 serving the Port aux Basques area is typically arranged at the Outage Co-ordination Meeting held each spring. This includes how the MGT, along with other local generation, will be used to avoid customer outages in the area.

⁵ For example, on March 5 and 6, 2010, an ice storm caused extensive damage to transmission and distribution lines throughout eastern Newfoundland. Approximately 5,000 customers experienced outages on the Bonavista Peninsula due to the collapse of transmission lines under heavy ice loading. On March 5, a decision was made to relocate the MGT from Port aux Basques to Catalina, where it was placed online on March 7. The Company made this decision in discussion with Hydro. For more detail on the role of the MGT in restoring electricity supply to the Bonavista Peninsula following the March 2010 ice storm, see Newfoundland Power’s application for approval of a capital expenditure allowance filed on April 30, 2010.