

- 1 **Q. Coyne Evidence – Appendix A: Capital Structure: On page 15, lines 21 to 24, it is**  
2 **stated “The new electricity supply will be served by a new 1,100 kilometer transmission**  
3 **line, which will cross eight different climactic zones to reach St. John’s, thereby**  
4 **increasing potential weather-related risk to Newfoundland Power’s electricity supply”.**  
5 **Please reconcile this statement with the response to CA-NLH-115 (for the Board’s**  
6 **Outage Inquiry) where it is stated “Hydro does not believe there would be any**  
7 **scenarios where the post-Muskrat Falls power system would be less reliable than the**  
8 **power system currently in place. In fact, the reliability of supply to customers will be**  
9 **improved”. In its response, Hydro goes on to provide the reasons why reliability of**  
10 **supply will be improved.**
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- 12 A. Mr. Coyne understands that matters related to the reliability of Newfoundland Power’s  
13 power supply following commissioning of the Muskrat Falls project are currently being  
14 studied by the Board as part of Phase II of its *Investigation and Hearing into the Supply*  
15 *Issues and Power Outages on the Island Interconnected System*. This proceeding is not  
16 yet complete. The results of the Board’s investigation into the reliability of power supply  
17 following commissioning of the Muskrat Falls project, including its assessment of the  
18 future reliability of power supply, are therefore currently uncertain.
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- 20 Please refer to the responses to Requests for Information PUB-NP-013, PUB-NP-069 and  
21 CA-NP-173.