

1 Q. **Open Access**

2 References:

3 (i) NLH 2017 GRA, Evidence, chapter 1, page 1.10

4 (ii) NLH 2017 GRA, Evidence, chapter 1, page 1.19

5 (i) « 1.2.3 *Obligation to Provide Open Access*

6 *As a result of the Muskrat Falls Project transmission assets and the [Maritime*
7 *Link] providing service in advance of the full commissioning of the Muskrat Falls*
8 *Project, Hydro and Nalcor will be expected to provide open access to its*
9 *transmission facilities. The provision of open access requires the implementation*
10 *of a transmission tariff, which conforms to reciprocity standards.»*

11 (ii) « *Hydro is preparing for the integration of its electrical system with the North*
12 *American grid, which is anticipated to take place in 2018. »*

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14 Please state your latest estimate of the cost and regulatory burden resulting from
15 the implementation of NERC's mandatory reliability standards to NLH and Labrador
16 Transmission Industrial customers?

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19 A. Please refer to Hydro's response to CA-NLH-113 for a description of Hydro's
20 approach to the adoption of NERC's reliability standards.

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22 Currently, direct costs related to the adoption of NERC reliability standards are
23 being funded by the Lower Churchill Management Corporation as part of
24 integration of the Labrador-Island Link into the Island Integrated System. As the
25 implementation of NERC continues, estimates will be developed, including the
26 applicability to Hydro's various customers, and the maintenance of the
27 requirements of the standards that are eventually adopted. The regulatory impacts
28 and efforts are unknown at this time.