1	Q.	Please provide the June 23, 2017 Muskrat Falls Project Update referred to in the
2		September 5, 2018 Reference Questions from the Government of Newfoundland
3		and Labrador. Also provide any update or revision to this Project update, if any. If
4		there has been no revision to date, state when the next update is expected.
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7	A.	The Muskrat Falls Update Presentation dated June 23, 2017 is attached as PUB-
8		Nalcor-026, Attachment 1.
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10		The primary focus of this presentation was to inform stakeholders of changes in
11		cost and schedule for the Muskrat Falls Project. The cost and schedule for the
12		Muskrat Falls Project remains as was presented in June 2017 and therefore Nalcor
13		has not updated the information prepared for and presented in the June 23, 2017
14		presentation. There is currently no expected date for updating this information.

### Muskrat Falls Project Update

June 23, 2017

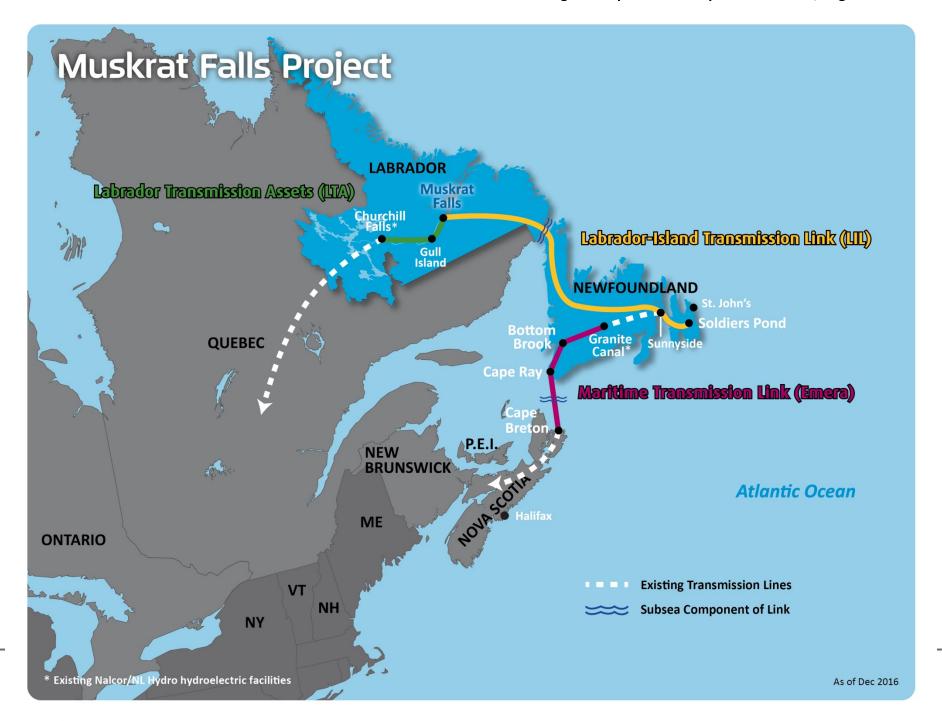




#### **Agenda**

- Achievements
- Construction Progress
- Muskrat Falls Projected Costs
  - Projected Capital costs
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  - Unit energy cost projections for Muskrat Falls production
  - Muskrat Falls unit energy costs projections for NL Hydro
- Updated Customer Rates Impact
  - Updated Island Interconnected load forecast
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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**



#### **Achievements**

- 75% construction completion
  - Up from 48% construction completion last May
- Astaldi contract finalization in December 2016
  - Settled this outstanding risk with largest contractor on generation portion of project
  - Finalized performance-based agreements and settled all prior claims
  - Performing above plan in 2017



#### **Achievements**

- Raised \$2.9 billion with Federal Loan Guarantee
  - Reduces required equity from Province by \$2.7B
  - Reduces domestic electricity rates by 1.5 cents per kwh
- Power from Labrador by mid-2018
  - On track to deliver power from Churchill Falls for domestic use in 2018 and reduce Holyrood usage



#### **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS**



### **Construction Progress Transmission**



LTA - 95% complete (May 2017) LIL - 81% complete (May 2017)

- Completed marine cable installation
- Completed road construction & access clearing
- 75% of all transmission towers across the province have been installed (3,384 of 4,507)
- All transmission construction in Labrador nearing completion



### **Construction Progress** *Muskrat Falls*



66% complete (May 2017)

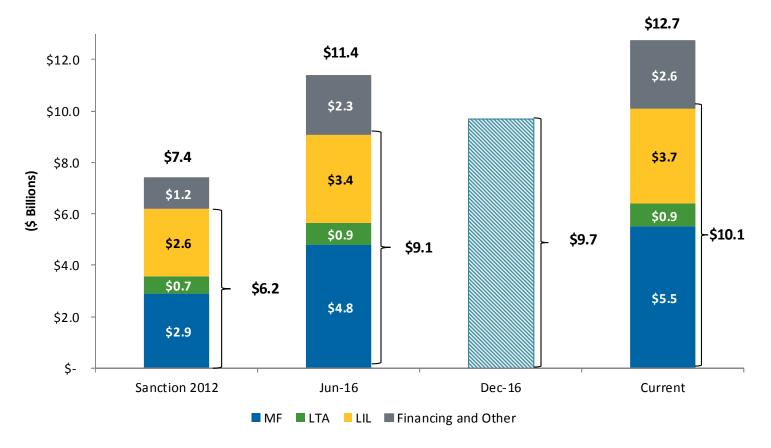
- Spillway operational, river diverted, cofferdam complete
- North Spur stabilization work complete
- Astaldi placed 73% of required concrete
- North Dam work started



### MUSKRAT FALLS PROJECTED CAPITAL COST



# Muskrat Falls Projected In-service Capital Cost



Dec- 2016 interim estimate includes Astaldi agreement, indicative costs related to on-site October interruptions and problems with cofferdam and conductor on HVDC line.



#### **Project Capital Costs: Overall**

Description		\$ Billion
June 2016		\$ 9.10
Astaldi	0.27	
Overland Transmission Settlement	0.14	
		\$ 9.51
Unplanned work	0.09	
Direct Cost, 3 month delay	0.05	
Balance of plant (above estimate)	0.06	
		\$ 9.71
Increase estimate to settle claims for delays & changes	0.40	
Updated estimate		\$ 10.11



### **Project Capital Costs: Transmission**

June 2016 Estimate		Updated Estimate	
	\$ Billion		\$ Billion
Labrador-Island Link	3.44	Labrador-Island Link	3.73
Labrador Transmission Assets	0.88	Labrador Transmission Assets	0.89
	\$ 4.32		\$ 4.62

	\$ Billion
Conductor Issue	0.05
Overland Transmission Settlements	0.14
Camp costs allocation	0.05
Changes & delays estimate	0.07
	\$0.30



#### **Project Capital Costs: Generation**

Description		\$ Billion
June 2016 Estimate		\$ 4.80
Astaldi Agreement	0.27	
Identified changes *	0.10	
Other changes and delays (estimate)	0.33	
Updated estimate		\$ 5.50

	\$ Billion
* Revised estimate, balance of plant	0.060
Nalcor Direct costs, 3 month delay	0.045
Additional work (Cofferdams)	0.028
Camp expansion	0.011
	0.144
Less camp costs allocated to Transmission	0.045
	0.099



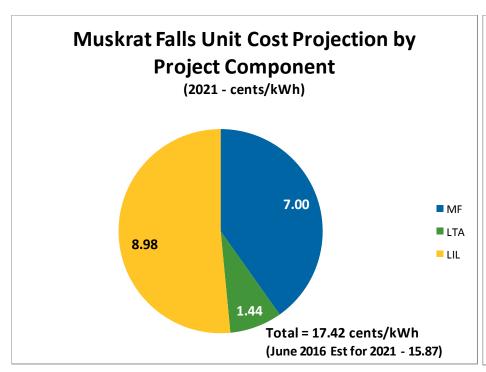
# Base Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Costs

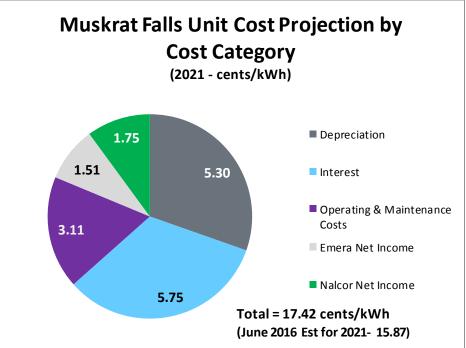
- O&M costs estimated in 2012 @ \$34 million annually and starting in 2018
- O&M costs estimated in 2017 @ \$109 million annually and starting in 2020
  - Updated annual base O&M costs to be consistent with industry standard = \$100 million
  - 2017 update includes \$9 million for environmental monitoring



#### **Unit Cost Projections**

(For power delivered at Soldiers Pond)







#### **UPDATED CUSTOMER IMPACTS**

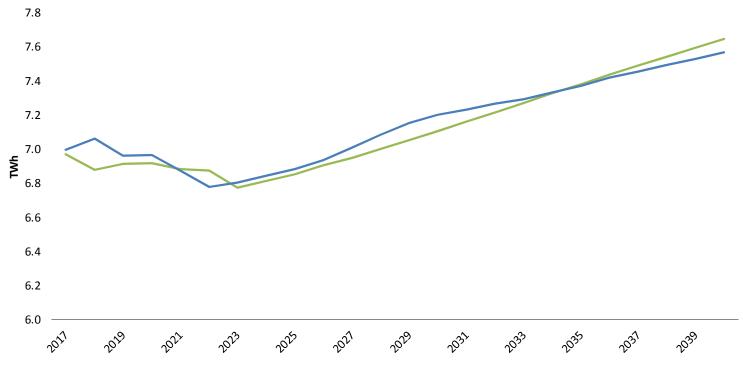


#### **Overall Factors Impacting Rates**

- Forecast of Load and Changes in Regulated Rates Not Related to Muskrat Falls
- 2. Updated Capital costs
- 3. Updated Operating & Maintenance Costs
- 4. Updated Financing Costs



#### **NL Hydro Island Interconnected Sales**



Note: May 2016 load forecast based on a domestic rate of 15.4 cents/kWh in 2020 escalating at 2% thereafter. May 2017 load forecast is based on a targeted rate of 18 cents/kWh in 2020 escalating at 2.2% thereafter.

—— May-16 —— May-17



### Island Interconnected Domestic Rate Projections

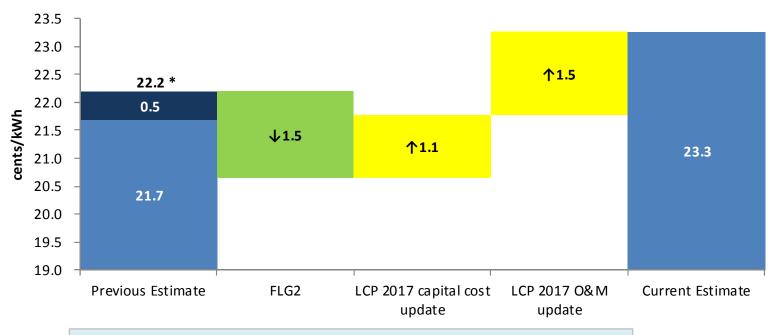


Current wholesale and domestic rates are 7.5 cents/kWh and 11.7 cents/kWh (excluding HST), respectively.



### Island Interconnected Domestic Rate Projections

#### **Domestic Rate Impacts - 2022**



<sup>\*</sup> Previous estimate has been adjusted to reflect all non- MF related changes.



# **Electricity Rate Comparison** (cents/kWh)

Forecast Electricity Rates Pre-Tax					
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<u>Province</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	
Nova Scotia	15.8	16.0	16.2	17.2	
Prince Edward Island	15.2	15.6	16.0	NA	
New Brunswick	12.2	12.5	12.8	13.2	
Ontario	16.4	16.8	17.1	17.5	
Manitoba	9.1	9.7	10.1	10.5	
British Columbia	9.4	9.7	9.9	NA	
Average	13.0	13.4	13.7	14.6	

#### Notes:

Assuming average use of 1,517 kWh per month

'NA' means that forecast rate information not available in 2020

Ontario rates include recent rate mitigation measures

Rate effective July 1, 2017 for NL Island Interconnected Domestic rates is 11.7 cents/kWh



#### **Rate Mitigation Measures**

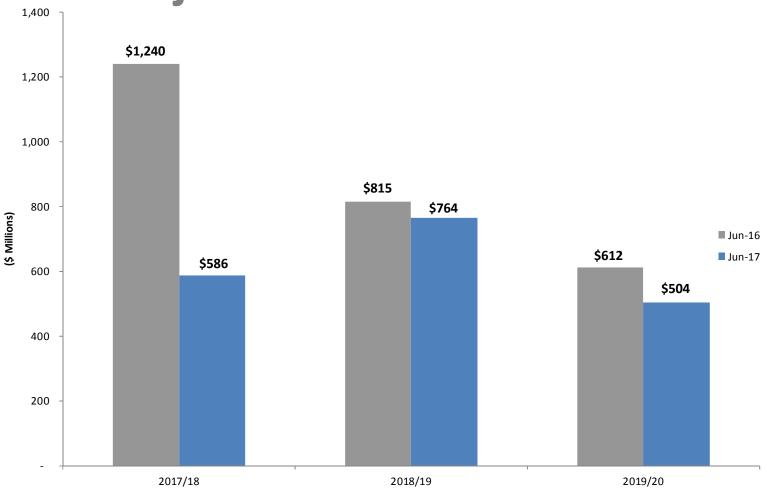
- Transmission infeed in advance of generation
- Long-term contracts vs. market sales



#### **EQUITY REQUIREMENTS**



# Provincial Equity Requirements for MF Project to 2020





# Provincial Equity Investment in MF Project

