

- 1 Q. In the Phase II Report of the Liberty Consulting Group at page 61 thereof, Liberty identified five  
2 procurement categories such as Vegetation Management Contractors, Wood Pole Installation  
3 Contractors, T&D Construction and Maintenance Contractors, Distribution Transformer  
4 Purchases and Electrical Supplies Purchases and noted significant annual spending by both  
5 utilities in relation to these categories. Liberty then stated as follows "*we consider these five*  
6 *categories worth specific pursuit with both existing vendor and supplier communities and those*  
7 *who may find the efforts to pursue business on the island more attractive under combined*  
8 *volumes*". Has Hydro commenced any communication with Newfoundland Power in relation to  
9 this joint procurement recommendation by Liberty?  
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- 12 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") confirms that it has commenced communication  
13 with Newfoundland Power in relation to joint procurement opportunities. Hydro is committed  
14 to further communications with Newfoundland Power to discuss the opportunities and  
15 limitations that exist.