

1 Q. In paragraph 17 of the Application, Hydro states that, if the requested delay is granted, its next  
2 General Rate Application may not be filed until mid-2021. In paragraph 14 of the Application,  
3 Hydro estimates it will require nine months from the date the revised financial structure for the  
4 Muskrat Falls PPA and Government's rate mitigation plan have been finalized and publicly  
5 communicated to prepare its General Rate Application filing. These statements, read together,  
6 indicate that Hydro anticipates these preconditions for preparation of its next GRA will be met  
7 by Fall 2020. Based on what information does Hydro anticipate these preconditions will be met  
8 by Fall 2020? To Hydro's knowledge or understanding, has this information been updated or  
9 revised to reflect the impact of the Covid-19 public health emergency?  
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12 A. Although Hydro believes the timing of the pre-conditions reflected in the request will be  
13 impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
14 ("Hydro") does not know when these pre-conditions will be met. It is for this reason that Hydro  
15 proposed filing the next General Rate Application ("GRA") on a date to be determined that is  
16 subsequent to the completion of the pre-conditions and did not propose a specific fixed date.  
17 Approval of the proposals in the Application will enable Hydro to prepare a GRA filing that will  
18 reasonably reflect the costs that Hydro will incur in providing electrical service to its customers  
19 for use in determining proposed customer rates.