

1 Q. Please explain how Hydro arrived at the estimate of nine months to prepare its General Rate
2 Application, once the preconditions identified in paragraph 14 of the Application are met. Is it
3 reasonable to anticipate that the length of time, and work required, to prepare the GRA will be
4 dependent on the nature and extent of the directions, to Hydro and possibly to the Public
5 Utilities Board, provided by Government's rate mitigation plan?
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8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") developed the time requirement projection based
9 on its recent experience in preparing General Rate Application ("GRA") filings.

10 Hydro notes that the completion of the Muskrat Falls Project does not only impact purchase
11 power expense and its next GRA is not solely a flow-through of an increase in power purchase
12 costs. All of Hydro's costs will be subject to review as with any GRA filing. Hydro also notes that
13 its supply cost deferral accounts (including the Rate Stabilization Plan) and its wholesale and
14 industrial rate designs will also be subject to review.