

1 Q. **Reference: Long-Term Supply for Southern Labrador – Revision 1 - Schedule 2 - Long-Term**
2 **Supply for Southern Labrador - Evidence Supporting the Revised Application**

3 Page 10, lines 8-9, states “Hydro will continue to work with community stakeholders to explore
4 the use of alternative fuels, such as wood heat, to offset electricity usage on isolated systems.”
5 Please provide the details of this work including any analysis/reports completed to date and an
6 expected date of any final analysis.

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9 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has completed preliminary analysis which
10 indicates that programming designed to promote wood heat in diesel powered communities
11 could be both cost effective and beneficial for community members.

12 Consultation with Indigenous governments and local communities are critical steps to informing
13 potential utility programming promoting the use of alternative heating fuels. Hydro recognizes
14 the expertise and experience these groups will bring to any potential program design, including
15 experience with wood heat pilot programs which have already been completed in certain
16 communities. Hydro has scheduled an Innovation Day event in July 2023 with Indigenous and
17 provincial government representatives, energy efficiency experts, and individuals from across
18 Hydro to discuss, learn, and help inform what opportunities might exist for the future of energy
19 efficiency programming in diesel powered communities. Alternative heating sources such as
20 wood heat are planned to be part of these discussions.