

1 Q. **Reference: Midgard Consulting March 28, 2023 Report - Southern Labrador Communities –**
2 **Integrated Resource Plan**

3 Please provide a status update on any discussions or negotiations that Hydro has had with
4 companies or groups relating to integrating renewable energy sources into the southern
5 Labrador system.

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8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has had numerous discussions related to
9 renewable energy developments in southern Labrador, including with St. Mary’s River Energy
10 (“SMRE”), NunatuKavut Community Council (“NCC”) and the Department of Fisheries and
11 Oceans (“DFO”). Discussions with SMRE led to the refurbishment of the mini hydro plant in
12 Mary’s Harbour in 2019, and the installation of a utility-scale solar energy development and
13 battery energy storage system in 2020. Discussions with DFO led to the construction of a 30 kW
14 solar energy development which is expected to be in service in July 2023. Discussions with NCC
15 are ongoing, and while no projects have been developed to date, two solar energy
16 developments are well advanced and expected to be in service in 2023.¹ Please refer to Hydro’s
17 response to PUB-NLH-084 of this proceeding for a status update of current and potential power
18 purchase agreements.

¹ Hydro has also had discussions with Hydro-Québec about the longstanding arrangement for supply from its Lac Robertson Generating Station to the L’Anse-au-Loup system.