

1 Q. **Reference: Application Rev. 1, Volume 1, page 9**

2 It is stated (lines 17 to 18) *“There are no proposed capital projects for either the Hardwoods or*  
3 *Stephenville Gas Turbines in the 2021 CBA or in the five-year capital plan.”* Given the ongoing  
4 Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study, why are there no capital projects planned for either  
5 Hardwoods or Stephenville Gas Turbines? Is Hydro confident that these gas turbines can provide  
6 reliable capacity, particularly Stephenville Gas Turbine which is expected to remain in service  
7 until 2023?

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10 A. As part of its ongoing asset management program, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
11 (“Hydro”) continues to monitor and evaluate the condition of the assets at the Hardwoods and  
12 Stephenville Gas Turbines. To ensure an appropriate balance of cost and reliability in this  
13 matter, Hydro will undertake necessary preventive and corrective maintenance work to ensure  
14 these units are available to the Island Interconnected System; however, Hydro will re-evaluate  
15 the decision to retain all or portions of the assets in service should extensive maintenance or  
16 incremental capital expenditures be required to facilitate this life extension.

17 With respect to the Stephenville Gas Turbines, Hydro’s five-year capital plan is focused on the  
18 required projects to ensure its continued reliable operation until its planned retirement in 2023.