

1 Q. **Reference: Volume I - Tab 1 - 2022 Capital Budget Overview**

2 The Application states on page 11, lines 9-10, that “There are no proposed capital projects for
3 either the Hardwoods or Stephenville Gas Turbines in the 2022 CBA or in the five-year capital
4 plan; Hydro plans to retire both of these units in 2023.”

5 a) Has Hydro prepared detailed decommissioning and/or abandonment plans for these
6 units? If so, please provide.

7 b) What are the anticipated retirement costs for these units?

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10 A. a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is currently reviewing applicable
11 environmental and other regulatory requirements to determine the scope, schedule, and
12 cost associated with the decommissioning and/or abandonment plans for the Hardwoods
13 and Stephenville Gas Turbines. As such, Hydro has yet to finalize a detailed
14 decommissioning plan for these generating assets. The terminal station assets will remain in
15 service, as such the sites will remain active.

16 b) As the detailed decommissioning and/or abandonment plans for these facilities are not yet
17 finalized a detailed cost estimate has not yet been developed. However, based on historic
18 decommissioning costs of other Hydro facilities, it is anticipated that decommissioning will
19 cost approximately \$2,000,000 per facility.