

1 **Q. At p. 3 of the 2009 Capital Plan it states, “In 2008 Newfoundland Power has**
2 **undertaken a study to identify opportunities for increasing production at existing**
3 **hydroelectric plants.” Besides the Rose Blanche Spillway stated to be the first of**
4 **these projects, what other opportunities have been identified?**
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6 A. The Rose Blanche Spillway project had been previously identified in a September 2003
7 study to investigate additional energy potential for this development, and the study was
8 updated in June 2008.¹
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10 The 2008 Capital Budget *Engineering to Increase Hydro Plant Production* project will
11 produce an assessment of potential projects to increase energy production from
12 Newfoundland Power’s existing hydroelectric plants. The study is ongoing and a number
13 of potential projects have been identified with site visits currently being conducted to
14 obtain additional field information to further evaluate the feasibility of these projects. As
15 of this date no other projects have been thoroughly evaluated and no decisions have been
16 made with respect to moving any project beyond the initial data gathering stage.
17 Findings of the study will be summarized in a report later this year, and any potential
18 projects will be identified in future Capital Budget applications.

¹ The 2003 and 2008 versions of the study are included as Appendix A of *1.3 Rose Blanche Hydro Plant Modifications*