

1 **Q. Re: Facility Rehabilitation (Pooled) - With respect to the Hydro Dam**
2 **Rehabilitation (435,000) as described at pp. 4-5 of 2009 Facility Rehabilitation**
3 **Report (at 1.1, section 3.0) can any of these 5 dam rehabilitation projects be**
4 **deferred?**
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6 A. No, none of the dam rehabilitation projects can be prudently deferred.
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8 Newfoundland Power has a Corporate Dam Safety Program which is managed to ensure
9 all hydraulic structures are structurally sound and provide safe and reliable operation.
10 The basis for this program is the Canadian Dam Association (“CDA”) Dam Safety
11 Guidelines.
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13 The Company conducts In-house dam safety inspections on a bi-annual basis where civil
14 engineers assess all structures in all hydro systems. Quarterly dam safety inspections are
15 also completed by operating staff.
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17 Projects included in the 2009 Facilities Rehabilitation Report address deficiencies which
18 have been identified through regularly scheduled dam safety inspections. All of these
19 projects have been prioritized as requiring attention at this time to ensure the continued
20 operation of these hydro systems in a safe and reliable manner as outlined in CDA’s Dam
21 Safety Guidelines.