

1 **Q. Re; Generation Hydro Lockston. Please indicate where in the report filed at Tab**
2 **1.3 entitled, “Lockston Hydro Plan Refurbishment” there is a discussion or analysis**
3 **of the possibility of deferring this project.**
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5 A. The report filed at Tab 1.3 titled *Lockston Hydro Plant Refurbishment* does not include a
6 discussion or analysis of the possibility of deferring this project in its entirety.
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8 This report provides a summary of the engineering assessment of the Lockston
9 hydroelectric generating plant and the specific refurbishment work proposed for 2012.

10 This assessment is based upon mechanical and electrical site inspections and detailed
11 equipment examination of the 14 subsystems associated with each of the 2 hydroelectric
12 generators at the plant.¹
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14 Engineering assessment on this basis enables detailed recommendations regarding
15 refurbishment or replacement of specific components or subsystems, as required. This
16 effectively results in deferral of work which is not required at this time. For example, the
17 engineering assessment determined that some subsystems at the Lockston plant,
18 particularly those associated with generating unit G2, would not be refurbished or
19 replaced at this time, effectively deferring work on these subsystems to a future time.
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21 Newfoundland Power observes that the refurbishment of Lockston Hydro Plant has been
22 in the Company’s five year capital plan since 2007. During that time the project has been
23 scheduled for completion as early as 2011 and as late as 2014. The detailed engineering
24 assessments completed in the winter of 2011 have determined that the refurbishment
25 should proceed as proposed in 2012.

¹ See Sections 3.0 to 16.0 of the report filed at Tab 1.3 titled *Lockston Hydro Plan Refurbishment* for assessment of each of the 14 subsystems.