

1 Q. **Natuashish**

2 **Re: IN-NLH-093, IN-NLH-124, IN-NLH-194, IN-NLH-217**

3 Please distinguish between the situation in Natuashish from that in Davis Inlet
4 with respect to its residents and businesses being customers of Hydro with
5 respect to electric service. What was the impact with respect to electric service of
6 Natuashish becoming an *Indian Act* reserve in 2003?

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9 A. Hydro provided service to its customers in Davis Inlet until its residents were
10 relocated to Natuashish, at which time the assets in Davis Inlet were abandoned
11 and decommissioned. After the installation of the electrical facilities in Natuashish
12 by MIFN on Federal Government land, Hydro was asked to provide technical and
13 operations services to MIFN with respect to those facilities owned by MIFN and the
14 Federal Government. During this period, Hydro was in discussions with MIFN and
15 the Federal Government as to the operation of the electrical facilities. The Federal
16 Government participated in those discussions due to an ownership interest it held
17 in the lands and due to its role of providing funding to MIFN during this period and,
18 it was assumed, in future years. There was no specific impact on those discussions
19 with respect to Natuashish becoming a reserve although Hydro was aware that it
20 could have an effect upon the parties' roles and obligations with respect to
21 providing electrical service and as to the ownership or funding of the facilities.