

1    Q.    **Re: IN-NLH-277**

2            Hydro has stated that Natuashish is not within its service area. Please provide all  
3            authority and bases that NLH relies on for this decision, including legal, statutory, or  
4            policy.

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7    A.    Hydro does not own or control the facilities in Natuashish required to provide  
8            electrical service to the customers in that community. It has no basis to guarantee a  
9            level of service or to collect rates for that service. If MIFN decided that it would  
10          replace Hydro as the contracted operator of the electrical facilities in Natuashish, or  
11          if an owner of electrical facilities other than MIFN commenced operations in  
12          Natuashish, Hydro would have no right to receive a notice under section 39 of the  
13          *Public Utilities Act* or to assert a claim under section 42 of the *Public Utilities Act*  
14          with respect to its activities in Natuashish.