

1 Q. Studies have been conducted in recent years by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro
2 and the province to consider small hydro opportunities in some Nunatsiavut
3 communities to reduce long term electricity costs. Are any such small hydro
4 projects still under consideration by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, and if not
5 why not?
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8 A. The Provincial Government provided funding for Hydro to study the potential for
9 integrating alternative energy sources such as wind, solar, and small hydroelectric
10 facilities into isolated Labrador communities that rely on diesel generation as a
11 primary source of electricity. Results of the “Preliminary Assessment of Alternative
12 Energy Potential in Coastal Labrador” study were positive and the Provincial
13 Government announced additional funding for more targeted studies on wind and
14 small-scale hydroelectric projects for some of the communities. Hydro will give
15 consideration to these studies in developing its generation plans for the region and
16 hydraulic data collection will continue into 2016.