

1 Q. The response to PUB-NLH-029 in Hydro’s Holyrood Blackstart Application (the
2 “Application”) states that the Newfoundland Power mobile unit was moved to
3 Holyrood to bolster capacity on the Avalon Peninsula, implying that its use to
4 provide black start capability was an after-thought. The report filed with the
5 Application, at Page 4, states that, “In recognition of this delay in restart caused by
6 the lack of local blackstart generation, Hydro immediately requested Newfoundland
7 Power to station two of its mobile generators at the Holyrood site.” Please clarify
8 the timing and rationale for using the mobile unit for black start capability and
9 explain that answer in the context of the preface to this RFI.

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12 A. Immediately following the January 11, 2013 event, it was identified that there
13 would be a benefit in moving the Newfoundland Power (NP) mobile gas turbine
14 from Port aux Basques to the Avalon Peninsula to provide additional generating
15 capacity on the Avalon Peninsula as a result of the extended outage to Unit 1 at the
16 Holyrood Thermal Generating Station (HTGS). An assessment was completed on the
17 location to install this unit along with NP’s mobile diesel unit already on the Avalon
18 in Whitbourne. It was recommended that the best location was at the HTGS due to
19 the availability of fuel, physical space and ease of connection. Also, as part of the
20 discussion of this move, it was noted there if the generation was moved to the
21 Avalon for other reasons, there was also the potential for these units to provide
22 station service and blackstart to the HTGS.

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24 Please also refer to Hydro's response to PR-PUB-NLH-012.