

1 Q. **2015 Capital Plan**

2 With reference to the information provided on page A3 of Appendix A of the 2015
3 Capital Plan, Hydro projects that a substantial share of its annual capital budgets for
4 generation will be represented by hydraulic plant in the years 2015 – 2019.
5 Presumably, the major part of this projected expenditure is intended to extend the
6 life of hydraulic plant components on the Island beyond the 2020-2021 timeframe
7 (by which time the reliability of the HVdc transmission system is expected to be
8 “well-established”, per page 6 of the Holyrood Overview section of the Application).

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10 Does Hydro intend to retire any hydraulic generation facilities on the Island, at
11 some foreseeable time or milestone after full commissioning of Muskrat Falls, the
12 HVdc transmission system (including the reliability testing period) and the
13 Newfoundland – Nova Scotia transmission link (hereinafter referred to in the
14 following Requests for Information as the “Post-Isolated Island System”)?

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17 A. At this time, Hydro does not intend to retire any hydraulic generation facilities on
18 the Island, at some foreseeable time or milestone after full commissioning of
19 Muskrat Falls, the HVdc transmission system (including the reliability testing period)
20 and the Newfoundland – Nova Scotia transmission link.

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22 However, given its mandate to provide the Province with least cost, reliable power,
23 Hydro will continue to study the existing system and alternatives, and if it is
24 determined that retiring existing facilities and replacing them with others is the
25 preferred alternative then it is possible that in future, existing facilities could be
26 retired.