

1 **Q. Pierre's Brook Hydro Plant, Tab 1.2, Appendix B, page B-1**

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3 **Please provide details and costs for the "do nothing" alternative. For example, what**
4 **would NP do with this plant and site, and at what cost, if the Board were to**
5 **determine that production from this plant were no longer needed following**
6 **commissioning of Muskrat Falls and associated transmission?**
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8 A. Newfoundland Power has not assessed the details and costs for the "do nothing"
9 alternative to refurbishing the Pierre's Brook hydroelectric generating plant (the "Pierre's
10 Brook Plant").
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12 An independent engineering assessment of the condition of key components of the
13 Pierre's Brook Plant indicates that appropriate action is required by the Company to
14 ensure the continued safe operation of the facility.¹
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16 The proposed refurbishment and continued operation of the Pierre's Brook Plant will cost
17 4.87¢/kWh over a 50-year period. This is consistent with the least cost provision of
18 energy to the Island Interconnected System. Please see the response to Request for
19 Information NLH-NP-007 for further information concerning the least cost supply of
20 energy to the Island Interconnected System.
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22 The assessment of the details and costs of a "do nothing" alternative would only be
23 appropriate in circumstances where continued operation of the facility was consistent
24 with the least cost, safe provision of service to customers on the Island Interconnected
25 System.²

¹ See the response to Request for Information CA-NP-015.

² For an explanation why retirement of the Pierre's Brook Plant is not consistent with least cost provision of electrical service see the response to Request for Information NLH-NP-006.