

1 Q. **2015 Capital Plan**

2 RFI IC-NLH-6 filed in Hydro's 2015 Capital Budget Application queried as follows:

3 "At page 7 of the 2015 Capital Projects Overview, Hydro states that the  
4 retirement of the Hardwoods and Stephenville gas turbines is not expected  
5 until 2025 and 2028, respectively. At page 5 of the Capital Plan section of  
6 the Application, Hydro states that "These facilities accumulate few operating  
7 hours generating electricity but are crucial sources of power and energy  
8 during emergencies and system peaks and provide voltage support,  
9 especially when operating as synchronous condensers."

10 Explain, in detail, why and how, after full commissioning of the 100 MW  
11 combustion turbine at Holyrood and of the Post-Isolated Island System, and  
12 the conversion of Holyrood plant to synchronous condenser more, these gas  
13 turbines will continue to be an essential component of the Provincial  
14 electrical grid for the supply of power to Island customers?"

15 Please update Hydro's response to IC-NLH-6 filed in Hydro's 2015 Capital Budget  
16 Application based on information now available to Hydro.

17

18

19 A. There have been no changes to the ratings of the Labrador – Island HVdc Link  
20 between Hydro's 2015 Capital Budget Application and Hydro's 2016 Capital Budget  
21 Application. Consequently, Hydro's response to IC-NLH-6 in Hydro's Capital Budget  
22 Application remains valid.