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1	Q.	Consumer Question: Will Emera bear some of the cost of the Bay d'Espoir to
2		Western Avalon transmission upgrades since some of the Maritime link technical
3		capability is likely dependent upon the referenced upgrades?
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6	A.	Nalcor's analysis indicates the Bay d'Espoir to Western Avalon transmission
7		upgrades are required in both the Interconnected Island and Isolated Island
8		alternatives, both in the absence of the Maritime Link. The technical issues
9		associated with both alternatives are outlined in Nalcor's response to PUB-Nalcor-
10		153.
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12		On this basis, Nalcor has assumed that the cost of the Bay d'Espoir to Western
13		Avalon transmission upgrades will be borne by Island customers.