

1 Q. Consumer Question: Exhibit CE-28 is a study called "Churchill River Complex: Power
2 and Energy Modeling Study" conducted by Acres International and dated 1998. In
3 that study, there was no AC/DC converter (and therefore no converter losses) and
4 no transmission congestion, and the average energy reported for Muskrat was 4.4
5 TWh/yr at the generator (Table S-1) and 4.26 TWh/yr at Quebec border (Table
6 S-2). Firm energy at the generator was reported by Acres at 4.08 TWh (Table S-1).
7 Now Nalcor is claiming average energy of 4.9 TWh/yr and firm energy of 4.4
8 TWh/yr.

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10 (a) What is the basis for Nalcor's 4.9 TWh/yr average energy estimate? In
11 replying, please explain all differences between the current estimate
12 and the estimate in CE-28. In addition, include a detailed discussion
13 of any spillage of water at both Muskrat Falls and all other
14 interconnected hydro-electric facilities in order to accommodate
15 production from Muskrat Fall? If full integrated spillage analysis is not
16 available, please indicate when it will be available and provide the
17 terms of reference for that work.

18 (b) Please quantify the forecasted annual spill of water that is expected at
19 Muskrat Falls by year over the period 2017-2067. Provide the spillage
20 estimate at Muskrat Falls by month assuming a normal water year in
21 2018, 2028, 2038, and 2048.

22 (c) Please quantify the forecasted annual spill of water that is expected at
23 on-island generation by year over the period 2010-2067 under both
24 the isolated island and integrated system scenarios.

- 1 A. (a) Please note that Table S-1 of Exhibit CE-28 (Public) does not state that the
2 average production of Muskrat Falls is 4.4 TWh. Table S-1 of Exhibit CE-28
3 (Public) shows the following:

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Model Setups	Incremental		
	Average Energy (TWh/yr)		
8	CF1 + Gull	46.28	
9	CF1 + Gull + Muskrat	50.69	
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11	Difference	4.41	

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13 The difference between the two model setups is not the expected average
14 production of Muskrat Falls, but rather the expected average production at
15 Muskrat Falls less the expected production loss at Gull Island resulting from
16 the presence of the Muskrat Falls reservoir. The presence of the Muskrat
17 Falls reservoir reduces output at Gull Island slightly, with the result that
18 incremental average production on the river system is 4.41 TWh after
19 impoundment of the Muskrat Falls reservoir. The same rationale explains
20 the difference between incremental annual firm production on the system
21 and Muskrat Falls annual firm production.

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23 Table 5-4 of Exhibit CE-28 (Public) reports Muskrat Falls average annual
24 production at 4.91 TWh; this average annual production is in accordance
25 with the 4.9 TWh currently used by Nalcor.

1 Integrated spillage analysis for Muskrat Falls is included in Confidential
2 Exhibit CE-26, and this Confidential Exhibit has been made available to the
3 Board and its Consultant. Public release of this document is not possible.
4 Please note that Nalcor's hydrological modeling has been reviewed by MHI,
5 who concluded that Nalcor's Muskrat Falls studies were "comprehensive
6 and detailed, with no apparent weaknesses identified."¹
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8 (b) Public release of this information is not possible, as this information is
9 confidential and commercially sensitive.
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12 confidential and commercially sensitive.

¹ Manitoba Hydro International Report, Volume 2, page 54