

1 Q. The +/- 320 kV was noted as the minimum operating voltage for the HVDC. Please
2 explain the rationale for this decision; have conductor optimization studies been
3 revised to support this; and revised cost estimates transmission lines, cables, and
4 converter station equipment.

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7 A. Please see document HVdc System – Historical Summary – 2011-07-14, filed in
8 response to question #8 included in the Board’s July 12, 2011 letter to Nalcor for
9 the evolution of the current configuration of the HVdc operating voltage (Exhibit
10 23). The CPW inputs for this item are included in the responses to MHI-Nalcor-7
11 and MHI-Nalcor-24.

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13 Further optimization will take place as part of Phase 3 engineering.