

1 Q. What assurances exist and what are the cost implications for mainland power
2 sources to supply firm power in the event of a loss of the HVDC system?

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5 A. The HVDC interconnection is designed to obtain the required level of reliability via
6 the HVDC link from Labrador in conjunction with island generation facilities. Any
7 additional reliability benefit as a result of the Maritime link has not been factored
8 into the analysis, and is in addition to the reliability level built into the Labrador link.