

1 Q. Further to the response to MHI-Nalcor-44, will Emera, Nalcor and/or Newfoundland
2 and Labrador Hydro be required to comply with North American Electric Reliability
3 Corporation Standards in the completion of the Maritime Link? If not, why not?
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6 A. The Government of Nova Scotia reports that Nova Scotia Power Inc., an Emera
7 subsidiary, is required to maintain compliance with North American Reliability
8 Council (NERC) reliability guidelines.¹ Design and operation of the Maritime Link
9 will therefore need to comply with applicable Nova Scotia reliability standards,
10 including those that originate from NERC. As a result, Emera or an Emera subsidiary
11 will be expected to demonstrate compliance to applicable NERC standards prior to
12 interconnecting the Maritime Link to the Nova Scotia electrical system.
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14 This is not currently the case in Newfoundland and Labrador, as the Government of
15 Newfoundland and Labrador has not established a role for NERC within the
16 province. As a result, the interconnection of the Maritime Link to the Island
17 Interconnected System and the facilities of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro will
18 be approved by Hydro. Hydro's reliability, design, and operational criteria will apply
19 to the Newfoundland side of the interconnection.
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21 The Nova Scotia Power System Operator and Hydro will confirm that no Maritime
22 Link operational events, either planned or unplanned, can adversely affect the Nova
23 Scotia and Newfoundland electrical systems respectively, prior to permitting the
24 interconnection of the Maritime Link.

¹ <http://www.gov.ns.ca/energy/electricity/transmission.asp>