

1 Q. Please confirm the date on which the Gull Island Development Multiterminal HVdc  
2 Line and the HVdc link to New Brunswick Project was abandoned for not meeting  
3 Nalcor's financial targets?

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6 A. Both Gull Island and Muskrat Falls have been included as part of Nalcor's current  
7 planning for the lower Churchill for several years.

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9 In 2004, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador initiated an Expression of  
10 Interest process for development of the Lower Churchill River, at which time both  
11 Gull Island and Muskrat Falls were included in the process.<sup>1</sup> The completion of this  
12 process led to direction from the Province to NLH on May 8, 2006 to lead planning  
13 activities for the project.<sup>2</sup>

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15 Nalcor has planned a variety of market access alternatives for both sites, including  
16 transmission access through the Hydro Quebec transmission system<sup>3</sup>, as well  
17 through a new HVdc link from Labrador to Newfoundland and ultimately to the  
18 Maritime provinces and beyond.

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20 With the Hydro Quebec OATT application, Gull Island was the primary focus.  
21 However, throughout the course of its planning, Nalcor has maintained flexibility in  
22 the sequence of Muskrat Falls and Gull Island, as well as flexibility in the final  
23 selection of its market access portfolio.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2004/exec/0920n05.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2006/exec/0508n03.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2006/exec/0120n03.htm>

- 1 The formal decision to select the preferred development concept (Gull Island vs.
- 2 Muskrat Falls) and preferred market access alternative (Labrador Island
- 3 Transmission Link vs. HQ OATT vs. Gull Island multi-terminal HVdc) was made at
- 4 DG2 on November 16, 2010.