

1 Q. On page 67 of the Upgrade Transmission Line Corridor Report, it is stated that: “It is  
2 anticipated that processes will have to be undertaken to allow a third circuit to be  
3 constructed”. Please describe these “processes”. How would the cost and/or  
4 schedule of the project be affected if these “processes” do not proceed as  
5 envisioned?

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8 A. Two processes will need to be completed to acquire environmental approvals to  
9 build the transmission line. The first approval would be under the *Environmental*  
10 *Assessment Act* which requires that the project be registered and undergo  
11 appropriate environmental assessment prior to being released from the process by  
12 the Minister of Environment. The second process would be approval to construct a  
13 portion of the line in the Bay du Nord Wilderness Reserve. This process would  
14 require a request to the Lieutenant Governor in Council and subsequent approval  
15 granted as outlined under the *Newfoundland and Labrador Wilderness and*  
16 *Ecological Reserves Act*.

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18 The project has not yet received environmental approval. Under the current  
19 project schedule, both processes will be concluded prior to the start of the required  
20 construction date. If these processes do not proceed as anticipated there will be  
21 minimal increase in cost to the project; however the scheduled start of construction  
22 date would be delayed by a similar duration.