

1 **Q. Project C-13, Upgrade North Cut-Off Dam Access Road – Bay d’Espoir**

2 At page 7 of the report filed at Volume I, Tab 5, Hydro states that given the current
3 condition of the road there are no viable alternatives outside of completing the
4 proposed upgrades. The maintenance history table shows that \$7,000 was spent
5 on maintenance in 2012, up from \$1,000 or less in the previous years.

- 6 ○ Please provide details of the maintenance performed in 2012 as well as a
7 description of how the 2012 maintenance differs from the previous years.
8 ○ Is the increase in maintenance costs a result of new issues arising with the
9 roadway or old issues being addressed?
10 ○ Has Hydro considered whether routine maintenance would be sufficient to
11 keep the road open and passable with major upgrade work to be completed
12 at a later date? If no, provide Hydro’s explanation for same.

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15 **A.** In 2012 maintenance was performed to correct the condition identified in previous
16 annual inspections. The 2012 work mainly involved removal of debris from culverts
17 as well as spreading 26 loads of pit run material to fix depressions in the road. Some
18 of the maintenance cost in 2008 and 2012 was to purchase and install signage.
19 Most of the maintenance cost between 2008 and 2011 was for scheduled
20 inspections.

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22 The increase in maintenance cost in 2012 is to address further deterioration of
23 previously identified issues. This road has no topping material and due to the
24 existing condition of ditches and culverts, the road continues to deteriorate every
25 year.

1 Less than 10% of the identified work was performed in 2012. At this rate it is not
2 possible keep the road passable to transport heavy equipment to the structures
3 when needed which is the primary purpose of the road, and this proposal. The
4 results of a failure to these structures could be catastrophic to local communities.