

1 Q. Does Hydro plan to arrange for annual technical support and service agreements
2 with the (a) HVDC converter station supplier, (b) HVDC submarine cable supplier, (c)
3 HVDC overhead line supplier and (d) a marine service contractor that is qualified to
4 handle submarine cable repairs?

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7 A. The Labrador Island Link (LIL) will have complete asset management plans to ensure
8 the long term operating reliability of all of the assets forming the LIL. The asset
9 management plans for the LIL will be developed by the operations team to ensure
10 the right arrangements with service providers are in place and ready for operation
11 prior to the scheduled in-service date.

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13 In addition, appropriate service arrangements are being included in the equipment
14 supply specifications issued by the Lower Churchill Project team. In particular
15 service agreements and annual technical support for the HVdc converter equipment
16 have been included in the specifications for the HVdc converter facilities. In
17 addition, preliminary operating plans include periodic cable inspection services to
18 ensure the integrity of the cable and the rock berm protection over the cable. Other
19 operating plans will be developed by the operations team as equipment details and
20 designs are finalized.