

1 Q. **Reference: PUB-NLH-239:** Nalcor did not answer if support agreements would be
2 established with the submarine cable manufacturer and with marine contracting
3 firms that are qualified to handle HVdc submarine cables. Does Nalcor intend to
4 establish these support agreements and if so, when? If Nalcor does not plan to
5 execute support agreements, please estimate the time required to draft and
6 negotiate these agreements when needed to repair a submarine cable.

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9 A. A decision has not yet been taken on the requirement for support agreements for
10 the cables, and a determination of the requirement for such agreements will be
11 made as part of the development of the cable asset management plan, anticipated
12 to be developed over the next 12 to 18 months.