

1 **Q: Re: Recommendation 2.16 (Liberty Report, p. 36)**
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3 **Citation:**

- 4 • **With respect to longer term options, ensuring that work now proceeds**
5 **with as clear an understanding as possible of the costs avoided by and**
6 **the benefits made available to customers who bear responsibility for**
7 **new capacity costs and the costs of conservation and demand**
8 **management costs, in order to provide a sound foundation for**
9 **determining what measures and programs should be instituted.**

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11 **Please specify what is meant by “short term” and “long term” in the context of**
12 **Recommendation 2.16.**

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14 **Can Liberty propose a timetable for steps to be taken by Hydro, by NP and by**
15 **the Board in order to ensure that these resources are made available as**
16 **promptly as possible?**

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19 A. Short-term means the time prior to the in-service dates of Muskrat Falls and the
20 Labrador Island Link. Long-term means the time following those dates. Liberty
21 specifically means actual in-service dates. Consideration of alternatives should not
22 assume that there is no potential for delay in the availability of capacity and energy
23 from Muskrat Falls. To the contrary, experience with mega-projects in the utility
24 industry lends credence to the need for a robust consideration of schedule
25 outcomes.

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27 We do not have a timetable to propose at this point.