

1 Q. On page 6 of Hydro's Summary Report, Hydro notes that "[t]he material repair time
2 requirement for the submarine cable justifies the spare cable, which is being
3 constructed and will be maintained in service." Section 5.2.1.3 of the Teshmont
4 Report notes that "the loss of a pole would require the loss of two cables". Please
5 provide rationale for Hydro's statement considering the statement in the Teshmont
6 Report.

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9 A. The Labrador-Island HVdc Link bipole is designed to operate using three HVdc
10 cables for the Strait of Belle Isle crossing. Each of the two HVdc poles has a
11 dedicated cable, while the third cable is an in-service spare that may be switched to
12 either pole for overload purposes or to operate in place of a failed cable. This
13 system is illustrated in Figure 1.

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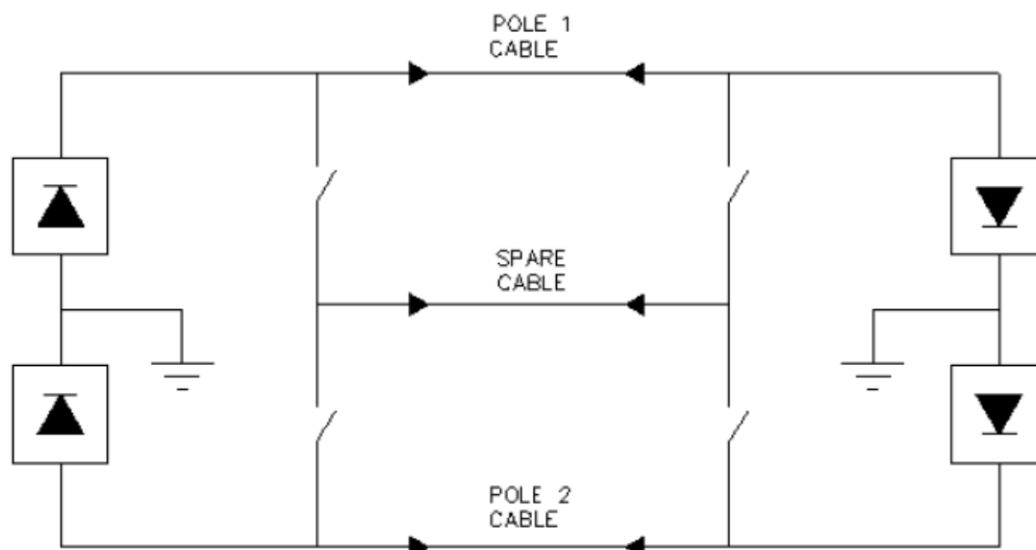


Figure 1 - Labrador-Island HVdc Link Cable Scheme

1 As illustrated, the complete loss of a pole would require the loss of a dedicated pole
2 cable and the spare cable.

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4 Without the spare, the loss of a single cable would result in an outage to one pole.
5 In addition, due to the limited overload capacity of the cables, the healthy pole
6 could not be overloaded for more than five minutes. The resulting reduction in the
7 capacity of the Labrador-Island HVdc Link would be sustained until the cable repair
8 could be completed. As documented in the study, such a repair could take up to six
9 months.