

- 1 **Q: Please comment on whether the ML, after in-service, will provide any system**
2 **benefits to the IIS prior to compliance with NERC requirements and/or absent**
3 **agreements with other utilities to secure power supplies for import to the**
4 **Island? Does the answer differ pre-Muskrat Falls versus post-Muskrat Falls**
5 **generation coming into service?**
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- 7 A. Post-Muskrat Falls, the Maritime Link will provide great benefit to the IIS, even with
8 only the agreements currently in place. The ability to trip the Maritime Link on loss
9 of the LIL represents an important operating benefit. Regarding supply from Nova
10 Scotia, that benefit depends on the availability and cost of the power. The “prior to
11 NERC compliance” question, whether pre-Muskrat Falls or post-Muskrat Falls, is
12 moot per the response to IC-PUB-011.