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1 Q: Liberty notes the interruptible load benefit of the ML to the IIS in the event of a power supply problem with either Muskrat Falls or the LIL (page 54, Liberty report). Can Liberty comment on under what conditions and applications, after Muskrat Falls generation is in service, the ML could provide either spinning reserve or emergency power to the IIS in the event of an IIS, LIL or MF event?

A. The two specific ways in which the Maritime Link could be counted upon, from a planning perspective, to provide reserves to the IIS are, as an interruptible load and as a source of capacity for Nova Scotia. These two options are qualified as follows:

1) technically, the interruptible load on the ML cannot be counted or relied upon as spinning reserve since it is only available upon a trip of the LIL. In that singular condition, the interruptible load has the appearance and electrical effect of spinning reserve; and 2) to the extent that a reliable, economic source could be procured on the Nova Scotia side, emergency power could be relied on, but with a time delay (see the Liberty report, Page 85, Footnote 93).