

1 Q. In the response to PUB-NLH-280 Hydro states that over the next 12 to 18 months it
2 will continue discussions with both Nova Scotia Power Incorporated and New
3 Brunswick Power to fully explore all emergency assistance and reserve sharing
4 opportunities between Newfoundland and the Maritimes and finalize an
5 arrangement(s). Please provide the status, including any progress to date and
6 future plans, for any efforts to reach a reserve sharing agreement or other capacity
7 arrangements with Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or others.

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10 A. Agreements between Hydro, Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) and New Brunswick
11 Power (NBP) with respect to emergency assistance and reserve sharing have not
12 been finalized.

13 Reserve sharing and emergency assistance between Hydro, NSPI and NBP was
14 discussed at the March 2015 meeting of MATPC¹ in Fredericton, NB.

15 Representatives from NSPI and NBP were asked to seek approval from their
16 respective leadership teams to engage in a joint study effort. Approval for each
17 member group has been granted.

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19 A conference call of the MATPC was held on June 18, 2015 to discuss the
20 membership of the working group, the general approach to analysis and outcomes.

21 A working group session will be held in Halifax, NS on September 15 to 17, 2015 to

¹ MATPC - The function of the Maine & Atlantic Technical Planning Committee (MATPC) is to review intra-area transmission and generation plans with regards to transmission reliability and impacts on the MATPC interconnected system. The Maine & Atlantic area consists of the Nova Scotia Balancing Area, the New Brunswick Balancing Area (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and parts of Northern Maine) as well as the Newfoundland and Labrador control area.

- 1 define detailed scope, complete model preparation, study contingencies and
- 2 project schedule.