

1 Q. Reference PUB-NLH-264, Attachment 4 and PUB-NLH-484: Please state whether or
2 not Hydro still consider it acceptable for faults at Bay d’Espoir to result in instability
3 of the IIS, post LIL.

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6 A. As per Hydro’s response to PUB-NLH-484, it is accepted that under exceptional
7 circumstances a three-phase 230 kV fault at Bay d’Espoir may result in instability of
8 the IIS, post LIL.

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10 As stated, it is demonstrated that the system would remain stable for the three-
11 phase fault at Bay d’Espoir during peak load conditions if all three high inertia
12 synchronous condensers were in operation at Soldiers Pond. Also, there will be a
13 requirement for all three of these units to be operational during the winter peak
14 load period.

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16 As a result, the risk of system instability due to a 230 kV three-phase fault at Bay
17 d’Espoir will be limited and for it to occur, the event would have to coincide with an
18 unplanned outage of a synchronous condenser during a heavily loaded period in the
19 winter season.

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21 Detailed operational studies will be completed in the next year to identify the
22 inertia requirements and risks over the full range of operating scenarios. The results
23 of these operational studies will shape the operating instructions, transfer limits
24 and appropriate system configurations with the LIL in service to minimize the risk
25 associated with the Bay d’Espoir fault.