

1 **Q: Reference: Liberty Consulting Report, August 19, 2016, Review of**
2 **Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Power Supply Adequacy and Reliability**
3 **Prior to and Post Muskrat Falls Final Report**

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5 *“With its connection to the North American grid via Nova Scotia, Hydro faces*
6 *potential new standards for its system and its interfaces with others”(p 101).*
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8 **Liberty notes how the ML will be important to provide support before and after**
9 **Muskrat Falls is completed. This means the ML must be tested and**
10 **commissioned in 2017. Did Liberty investigate the NERC compliance that**
11 **Hydro and Emera will need in place to begin commissioning in 2017? If yes,**
12 **please provide a brief description of the NERC compliance actions and the**
13 **schedule for completion.**
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16 A. Liberty did review NERC compliance issues associated with operation of the
17 Maritime Link. Since Newfoundland has not established the regulatory framework to
18 mandate NERC/NPCC compliance, Hydro is under no obligation to follow
19 NERC/NPCC standards. Nevertheless, the “Interconnection Operators Agreement”
20 between Hydro and Nova Scotia Power commits Hydro to apply Nova Scotia (and
21 hence NERC/NPCC) reliability standards in the operation of the Maritime Link,
22 including application to the Maritime Link operation and the Hydro Energy Control
23 Center. Hydro has indicated that it will be “NERC compliant” in these required areas
24 before the Maritime Link begins operation. This commitment was documented in
25 Hydro’s response to CA-NLH-142.