

- 1 **Q: At pages 101-102, Liberty notes that Hydro faces new standards and**  
2 **requirements for NERC compliance, that the ML is presently on schedule for**  
3 **energization in late 2017 and that the reliability framework, NERC / NPCC**  
4 **compliance, and the legislation required for it should be a priority. Please**  
5 **comment on whether Hydro will be required to meet NERC compliance**  
6 **standards prior to any reliance on ML, whether this requirement will need to be**  
7 **met prior to ML coming into service, and whether this requirement exists**  
8 **independent of any requirements of the provincial government.**  
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- 11 A. Hydro has indicated that it will be “NERC compliant” in required areas before the  
12 Maritime Link begins operation. Hydro and NSPI have entered into an  
13 “Interconnection Operators Agreement” that commits to the application of Nova  
14 Scotia reliability standards in the operation of the Maritime Link, including  
15 NERC/NPCC standards applied to the Maritime Link operation and the Energy  
16 Control Center. This commitment was documented in Hydro’s response to CA-NLH-  
17 142. Accordingly, it is Liberty’s understanding that the requirement for  
18 NERC/NPCC compliance will not be a restraint to energization of the Maritime  
19 Link.  
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- 21 Regarding “any requirements of the provincial government”, no such requirements  
22 exist at the present time. The provincial government will be responsible to establish  
23 the reliability framework, and that may include a broader commitment to  
24 NERC/NPCC compliance. The extent of that commitment is not known at this time.