

1 Q: Reference: *Review of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Power Supply*  
2 *Adequacy and Reliability Prior to and Post Muskrat Falls Final Report, Page ES-*  
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5 *"This additional supply can be sourced through firm purchases, if available, over*  
6 *the Maritime Link or additional new generation on the IIS."*

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8 **Since an extended outage to the Labrador Island Link will likely occur in the**  
9 **winter season, can Liberty comment on the realistic feasibility of firm power**  
10 **purchases in the winter season through the Maritime Link and the additional**  
11 **cost to Hydro and Newfoundland Power.**

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14 A. Liberty, in its report, has stressed that the feasibility of reliable imports from Nova  
15 Scotia, both in terms of the availability of the stated necessary capacity and its cost,  
16 is a major question. The question is valid regardless of season, although we  
17 recognize that during the peak months availability will be less and the cost more.  
18 Nevertheless, Hydro has apparently concluded that such supply is feasible and has  
19 included it in its plans. In Liberty's opinion, the viability of this supply has not been  
20 demonstrated. See for example, page 85 of Liberty's report where it is stated:

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22 *"Liberty does not believe, however, that the credibility or practicality of this source*  
23 *of capacity has been demonstrated."*

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25 *"It is hoped that Nova Scotia can provide some or all of this needed supply over the*  
26 *Maritime Link, but this does not appear to be a certainty at this time and no*  
27 *information is available to determine if it would be economic."*

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29 Liberty has recommended that Hydro expedite efforts to prove (or eliminate) the  
30 option of Nova Scotia as a source for 300 MW (Recommendation V-1).