

1 Q. Please provide import figures over the ML to date in 2020 and explain if the imports were driven  
2 by economics or system reliability. Please explain if, and how, ponding may have been used  
3 during ML imports. Please provide an estimate of the savings achieved owing to imports over  
4 the ML.

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7 A. During the period from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro  
8 (“Hydro”) purchased 177 GWh of energy imported over the Maritime Link.<sup>1</sup> Note that all  
9 Maritime Link purchases made to date have been on the basis of economics, reducing Hydro’s  
10 requirement to produce additional higher cost thermal energy. While all of the market  
11 purchases to date have been made on an economic basis, these purchases have also provided  
12 system reliability benefits by reducing the requirement to operate Holyrood Thermal Generating  
13 Station and standby generation.

14 Savings associated with the Maritime Link are passed on to customers through the Revised  
15 Energy Supply Cost Variance Deferral Account, along with other variances in supply costs  
16 relative to Hydro’s test year forecast. Savings associated with increased imports over Maritime  
17 Link for the period ended June 30, 2020 are approximately [REDACTED]

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<sup>1</sup> Includes the purchase of 3,915 MWh of ponded energy, which was the least-cost energy available to the system at the time. Pursuant to the Pilot Agreement, any Ponding Imports stored in Hydro’s reservoirs at that time are considered to be available to meet such requirements. If Hydro determines that previously purchased ponding imports are the least cost option for the purposes of serving its customers, Hydro will elect to use that energy.