

1 Q. **Re: RRAS, 2019 Update, Vol. III, page 1 (117 pdf)**

2 Volume III of the 2019 Update addresses the long-term resource plan that is required to meet
3 the reliability expectations defined in Volume I. Specifically, the analysis comprehensively
4 evaluates resource options to meet projected future customer demand and energy
5 requirements at least-cost through to 2029.

6 The resource plan determines the least-cost additional resources required based on the reserve
7 margin targets established by the Reliability Model, as summarized in Volume I of the 2019
8 Update and described in detail in the 2018 Filing, over the 10-year study period. Key inputs to
9 the resource planning process include the long-term load forecast, resource options and costing,
10 and other forecasts (e.g., fuel, escalation, market prices, etc.). The resource plan also considers
11 the environmental, sustainability, and reliability attributes of all resource options considered.
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13 a) Please clarify if the long-term resource plan is based on least-cost additional resources
14 required to meet the reserve margin targets required by the LIS, the IIS, or the NLIS.

15 b) Please confirm that the resource additions shown in Vol. III, Attachment 2 are the least-cost
16 additions required to meet this additional loads, from the NLIS perspective.

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19 A. a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is proposing to develop long-term resource
20 plans to satisfy established planning reliability criteria for the Newfoundland and Labrador
21 Interconnected System. This will include resource additions required to satisfy the proposed
22 planning criteria. Resource plans presented in Volume III, Attachment 2 of Hydro’s 2019
23 Filing were developed on that basis.

24 b) The resource additions included in Vol. III, Attachment 2 are the least-cost additions
25 required to satisfy the planning criteria for the Newfoundland and Labrador Interconnected
26 System that Hydro has proposed in this filing.