

1 Q. **Reference: Muskrat Falls Project Schedule**

2 Provide the current schedule for the delivery of the GE final bipole software to the site and the
3 dates for commencement and conclusion of trial operations. Explain any material risks that exist
4 to achieving these project dates.

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7 A. GE continues to progress through the Full Function Bipole Software testing stages slower than
8 planned due to increased time required to resolve outstanding deficiencies, which are primarily
9 software bugs. An initial Factory Acceptance Test (“FAT”) started on September 13, 2021, and
10 was completed on September 18, 2021. Currently, a review of the FAT results is underway by GE
11 and the Lower Churchill Project team (“LCP”). In the coming days, LCP expects to have clarity on
12 the outcome of the FAT and if an initial version of Full Function Bipole Software is suitable to
13 release to site to start commissioning activities. Bugs discovered during initial FAT, as well as
14 known unresolved bugs, will require fixing; this will result in the development of another version
15 of software, and a second round of FAT, before being released to site to complete
16 commissioning activities and subsequent start of Trial Operations. GE is yet to provide LCP with
17 an updated schedule for these milestones.

18 As noted above, due to delays to the start of FAT and the unknown outcome, a schedule for the
19 completion of Static and Dynamic Commissioning and Trial Operations is not available at this
20 time. Given these further delays by GE, completion of Trial Operations by November 26, 2021 is
21 at risk. LCP continues to monitor software development and testing on a daily basis and is
22 working with GE at all management levels to explore any mitigation to improve schedule. LCP
23 expects to have further information and be in a position to provide an update on these
24 milestones in the next Labrador-Island Link Monthly Report due on October 7, 2021.