

1 Q. At Section 5 on page 17 of Schedule 2, Hydro states the following:

2 Hydro will consult with the NCC as part of the Environmental Assessment
3 process to address its stated concerns. These concerns include the integration
4 of renewable sources in southern Labrador to ensure that the solution is
5 environmentally responsible, as well as **commercial considerations for the NCC**
6 **relating to construction, ownership, and benefits associated with Hydro**
7 **projects such as the proposed Southern Labrador Interconnection.** Hydro is
8 committed to working with the NCC to enable them to develop and maximize
9 renewable sources of supply in southern Labrador. Hydro is also committed to
10 supporting the advancement of NCC initiatives that align with Hydro's mandate
11 to provide power at the lowest possible cost, in an environmentally responsible
12 manner, consistent with reliable service. [emphasis added]

13 a) Please clarify how consultation regarding "commercial considerations" are expected to
14 be a part of the "Environmental Assessment process."

15 b) Please provide a detailed plan and process for the proposed consultation with NCC
16 regarding "commercial considerations ... [] ... relating to construction, ownership, and
17 benefits associated with the project."

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20 A. a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") intends to have ongoing dialogue and
21 discussions with the NunatuKavut Community Council ("NCC") on a variety of issues and
22 topics. Please refer to part b) of Hydro's response to NCC-NLH-017 of this proceeding
23 regarding Hydro's intended actions to identify and address any potential impacts on the NCC
24 members' rights. Hydro anticipates that these discussions will substantially take place during
25 the environmental assessment process when Hydro will have the most detailed information
26 about the project's construction. Hydro believes that this detailed information is also
27 necessary to allow for development of specific commercial opportunities for the NCC and its
28 members in the various steps of the project.

29 b) Despite uncertainty on specific opportunities, Hydro is currently considering strategies it
30 might employ to support NCC involvement in the project while respecting Hydro's mandate.
31 This may include, but not be limited to, providing notice of pending procurement and

1 employment opportunities, identifying ways that NCC and its members can respond to
2 opportunities, and providing feedback on contract proposals/tender submissions received
3 from NCC and its members. Hydro is also committed to supporting the development and
4 integration of renewable energy in southern Labrador, and is fully supportive of NCC taking
5 an active role in the development and ownership of these renewable assets. Hydro will
6 discuss these strategies, and any others that may be identified, during consultation with
7 NCC, including during the environmental assessment as described in part b) of Hydro's
8 response to NCC-NLH-017 of this proceeding.