

1 Q. Although AMI might be judged to be uneconomic, in the interests of fairness and transparency,
2 might it be beneficial to install AMI infrastructure at this time as the electricity services sector
3 adds more non-wires alternatives and behind-the-meter generation, in addition to
4 environmental responses such as electrification? What is the expected cost for Hydro to
5 implement AMI infrastructure?

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8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") estimated capital cost for an automated
9 metering infrastructure ("AMI") project is \$12.4 million compared to \$5.4 million for the
10 proposed automated meter reading drive-by project, a difference in capital cost of \$7.0 million.
11 Given Hydro's current regulatory requirements with respect to metering, the additional costs
12 associated with AMI cannot be justified at this time.

13 Part d) of Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-016 of this proceeding provides further rationale as to
14 why Hydro does not believe AMI is a suitable option for its customers at this time.