

1 Q. **Reference: Volume I, 2021 Capital Expenditure Overview, page 7, lines 12-16.**

2 “This is a two-year project that commenced in 2021. The overall budget estimate for this
3 project has been reduced compared to the budget originally presented in the 2021
4 Capital Budget Application. The budget reduction is attributed to the cancellation of a
5 portion of the project scope following an optimization of the engineering design of
6 Bottom Brook Terminal Station. In addition to resulting in a lower cost project, the
7 optimized design is expected to improve reliability and operability of the station.”

8 In its 2021 Capital Budget Application, Volume 2, Tab 14, Upgrades for Future Retirement of
9 Stephenville Gas Turbine, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro provided a Technical Note (TP-TN-
10 095 – Transmission System Impact – Stephenville Gas Turbine Retirement) to provide a review
11 of the design proposed. Has Hydro completed a similar Technical Note for the optimized
12 design? If yes, please provide a copy of the updated technical note. If not, why not?

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15 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) may deviate from its original design if, during the
16 detailed engineering and execution phases, it is determined that an equally or more effective
17 design can be executed at a lower cost than the original design. As the scope of the Upgrades
18 for Future Retirement of Stephenville Gas Turbine project did not materially change, a revision
19 to the technical note was not required. Rather, the revised design and single-line diagrams were
20 developed and reviewed by Hydro personnel.