

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 6, Project 7 Replace VHF Radio System (2024-2025), Page 4, line 11**

2 Did Hydro have any consultations with Newfoundland Power to explore synergy opportunities
3 given that Newfoundland Power is planning to replace its VHF radio system in 2025? If so, please
4 provide details. If not, please explain.

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7 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) met with Newfoundland Power Inc.
8 (“Newfoundland Power”) in early February 2023 to explore synergy opportunities; however,
9 Hydro’s requirements for this project are sufficiently different from those of Newfoundland
10 Power’s and such opportunities were not practical. Newfoundland Power has cellular coverage
11 in the majority of its areas of operation; however, Hydro does not. Therefore, as stated in the
12 Replace VHF Radio System (2024–2025) proposal¹, Hydro could not delay the VHF radio system
13 replacement without significant risk to both safety and system reliability.

¹ “2024 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. August 18, 2023 (originally filed July 12, 2023), sch. 6, proj. 7.