

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 1, Page 4, Footnote 14. Hydro indicates that it was decided to form a**
2 **joint working group consisting of members from Hydro and the Nunatsiavut Government to**
3 **discuss load growth in Inuit communities.**

4 a) Please provide an update on the status of the joint working group.

5 b) Has the working group discussed this application? If yes, what was the feedback
6 received? If no, why not?

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9 A. a) An update on the status of the joint load growth working group is included in Newfoundland
10 and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") response to PUB-NLH-015 of this proceeding.

11 b) Hydro has discussed its recommended option, as described in this application, with the joint
12 load growth working group. The discussions specifically included the general scope of the
13 project and information on the status of the application such as estimate development,
14 economic analysis, drafting of report, etc. No concerns were raised by the Nunatsiavut
15 Government representatives in the joint load growth working group meetings.

16 As indicated in Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-015 of this proceeding, it is clear to Hydro
17 that, as a result of discussions in the joint working group meetings, there is a significant
18 need for housing, community infrastructure, and reliable sources of space heating within
19 Nunatsiavut. Increasing the generation capacity and energy available in Rigolet is essential
20 to allow further development within the community and fulfill Hydro's obligation under
21 section 3(b)(ii) of the *Electrical Power Control Act, 1994* to ensure all consumers in the
22 province have equitable access to an adequate supply of power.