

1 Q. **Reference: Application, Perform Software Upgrades and Minor Enhancements (2025)**

2 It is stated (page 1) *“This program involves upgrading and enhancing software systems and*
3 *applications used by the Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) Operational Technology*
4 *(“OT”) group to maintain the Energy Management System (“EMS”), as well as applications that*
5 *support processes in specific business areas such as Resource and Production Planning, the*
6 *Newfoundland and Labrador System Operator, and Transmission and Rural Operations.”* How
7 much of these costs, and for that matter all costs in the 2025 CBA, are applicable to transmission
8 service and recovered in the Open Access Transmission Tariff?

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11 A. The current Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) is based on Newfoundland and Labrador
12 Hydro’s (“Hydro”) 2019 Cost of Service Study. A new Cost of Service Study will be updated and
13 filed after the conclusion of Hydro’s next general rate application to support an application to
14 update the OATT. Until such an application is approved, there will be no costs associated with
15 the 2025 Capital Budget Application recovered in the OATT.