

1 Q. **Reference: General**

2 a) Please describe any proposed projects in Hydro's 2025 Capital Budget that require
3 consultation with Indigenous peoples prior to project advancement. Have any consultations
4 on these projects occurred to date?

5 b) What process does Hydro follow to determine if Indigenous consultations are required for
6 its planned capital projects?

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9 A. a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") strives to build respectful, sincere, and
10 meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples. We are committed to working with
11 Indigenous Peoples and honouring these relationships in our business practices and
12 organizational culture. Hydro follows the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's
13 ("Government") Aboriginal Consultation Policy on Land and Resource Development
14 Decisions.¹ In the Policy, the Government commits to ensuring meaningful consultation of
15 peoples with asserted rights for any land and resource developments that have the
16 potential to adversely impact those asserted rights. Therefore, Hydro evaluates projects it
17 undertakes for the potential to create such adverse impacts and plans consultation on this
18 basis. There are no projects included in the 2025 Capital Budget Application that Hydro
19 believes have this potential.

20 b) Please refer to part a) of this response.

¹ "The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Aboriginal Consultation Policy on Land and Resource Development Decisions ("The Policy")," Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, April 2013.
https://www.gov.nl.ca/exec/iar/files/aboriginal_consultation.pdf.