

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 2 Five Year Capital Plan (2025-2029)**

2 a) Does Hydro’s five-year capital plan reflect a transmission expansion plan updated for
3 2025? If no, why not?

4 b) At page 3 Hydro states that transmission capacity expansion will also be required to
5 address transmission bottlenecks in support of Hydro’s expansion plans. Is the capital
6 expenditure estimate for this transmission expansion included in the approximately
7 \$1.86 billion in plant and equipment identified for the 2025–2029 period?

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10 A. a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) Five-Year Capital Plan (2025–2029) includes
11 transmission expansion associated with Hydro’s planned minimum investment scenario to
12 reliably address load growth on the Island Interconnected System.¹ There were no
13 transmission planning criteria violations flagged as part of the 2023 Newfoundland and
14 Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland and Labrador System Operator Annual Planning
15 Assessments,² and therefore no additional transformation expansion has been identified for
16 2025–2029.

17 b) Hydro continues to study alternatives to address transmission bottlenecks in support of
18 Hydro’s Expansion Plan. While a range of alternatives have been identified, Hydro has not
19 included these transmission expansion plan costs in its Five-Year Capital Plan (2025–2029).
20 Hydro anticipates that any such transmission expansion investments will be presented in its
21 Five-Year Capital Plan (2026–2030) as part of its 2026 Capital Budget Application, once the
22 scope, magnitude, and timing of such expansion is confirmed.

¹ “2024 Resource Adequacy Plan – An Update to the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, rev. August 26, 2024, (originally filed July 9, 2024), app. C, sec. 7.3.3, pp. 122–124.

² “NLSO Report – 2023 Annual Planning Assessment,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, March 30, 2023.