

1 Q. **Reference: Project 5 Install Mid-Span Structures - TL220 (2025-2026), page 6.**

2 Hydro is proposing building two of the eleven mid-span structures in wetlands.

3 a) What, if any, environmental assessments have been conducted?

4 b) What are the potential construction challenges associated with building in wetlands?

5 How has Hydro planned for these challenges?

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8 A. a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) has not completed any environmental
9 assessments related to this project to date, as environmental assessments for projects of
10 this nature are typically completed following project approval.

11 b) The main challenge associated with building transmission structures in wetlands is reducing
12 disturbance caused by heavy machinery when crossing wetlands. Hydro plans to build the
13 two mid-span structures in the winter months of 2026 when the wetlands are frozen to
14 minimize the impact on the area and reduce costs associated with environmental mitigation
15 (i.e., the construction of corduroy roads, floating roads, bog matting, etc.).