

1 Q. 2025 Capital Budget Application, Project 8, Appendix A, page 6 of 11, states, “If refurbishments
2 are not able to be completed at this time, regular inspections (annually at minimum) should be
3 performed to ensure that further deterioration has not occurred. The results of these
4 inspections shall be reviewed by a competent structural engineer.” Has Hydro performed
5 regular inspections as recommended by Hatch? If not, why not?

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8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro has completed annual inspections of the pumphouse sumps
9 as recommended by Hatch Ltd. This has been completed utilizing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles,
10 which fly underneath the pumphouse floor, above the surface of the water in the sump, to
11 inspect the accessible structural components of the sump. Inspections from 2021 through 2024
12 show some progressive deterioration in the condition of the concrete sumps, but no further
13 significant deterioration has been evident to date.