Q. **Reference: CA-NLH-008, CA-NLH-025.**

a) Please identify the behind-the-meter alternatives considered by Hydro in its 2026 CBA.

b) What cost in cents/kWh for wind and solar did Hydro use when considering alternatives to projects and programs in its 2026 CBA?

c) What input has Newfoundland Power provided to Hydro for use in its 2026 CBA and the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study with respect to behind-the-meter alternatives?

d) Long lead times are necessary in order for new supply options and non-wires alternatives to be brought on line. What opportunities for non-wires alternatives to provide capacity, energy, ancillary services or other customer-related services have been identified in the Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study that are included in Hydro 2026 CBA or its Five-Year Capital Plan (2026-2030)?

A. For discussion regarding behind-the-meter alternatives please refer to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") response to CA-NLH-122.

Hydro assesses the operational considerations, benefits and limitations of various renewable energy alternatives as well as non-wire alternatives as part of its plan to meet resource adequacy and system reliability requirements within the ongoing *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review* proceeding before the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. It is Hydro's opinion that the information requested is not necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters to be considered in the 2026 Capital Budget Application as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996.*