

1 Q. **Reference: CA-NLH-009.**

2 It is stated *"In general, Hydro will review the life expectancy of the new/refurbished/upgraded*
3 *asset compared to the life expectancy of the site in which the work is to be completed. Should*
4 *the site or asset be subject to relocation or decommissioning, Hydro endeavours to pursue*
5 *alternate execution strategies to accomplish the required work."*

6 a) Which of Hydro's "sites" are expected to be relocated or decommissioned in the next 20
7 years?

8 b) Which of Hydro's "sites" have been relocated or decommissioned in the past 20 years?

9 c) Did Hydro consider repurposing "sites" with environmentally-friendly alternatives in its 2026
10 CBA? If so, please identify the project/program and the alternatives considered.

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13 A. a) Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is assessing options for its mini Hydro sites.

14 While Hydro plans to decommission the generating assets at the Holyrood Thermal
15 Generating Station following the bridging period,¹ Hydro does not anticipate abandoning the
16 site.

17 Hydro is also assessing the future role of other aging thermal assets, including the
18 Hardwoods and Stephenville Gas Turbines and North Side Diesel Plant. Should Hydro decide
19 to decommission those assets, Hydro will assess the future role of those sites at that time.

20 There are no other sites which, at this time, are expected to be relocated or
21 decommissioned in the next 20 years.

¹ As per "Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – 2022 Update," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, October 3, 2022, the Holyrood TGS shall remain available for a "Bridging Period" until 2030, or until such time that sufficient alternative generation is commissioned, adequate performance of the Labrador-Island Link is proven, and generation reserves are met.

- 1 **b)** It is Hydro’s opinion that the information requested is not necessary for a satisfactory
2 understanding of the matters to be considered in the 2026 Capital Budget Application
3 (“CBA”) as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996*.
- 4 **c)** Hydro has no abandonment of plant applications included within its 2026 CBA.