

1 Q. **Reference Schedule 1, page 31**

2 Has Hydro considered undertaking any additional maintenance, refurbishment, or capital works
3 while Penstock 3 is out of service for repairs? If so, please describe those works.

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6 A. Yes; Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) considers the coordination of maintenance,
7 refurbishment, and capital works when executing work during significant unit outages.

8 Coordination of such work must consider the efficiency and reasonableness of executing work
9 concurrently, including space and resource constraints. At times, coordination of such work
10 requires some activities to be advanced or deferred from their optimal timings. In such cases,
11 Hydro must consider the benefits of coordinating outage work with the asset risk or cost of
12 deferring or advancing the work.

13 To that end, Hydro plans to complete the overhaul of Unit 5 at the Bay d’Espoir Hydroelectric
14 Generating Facility (“Bay d’Espoir”) during the 2027 Bay d’Espoir Penstock 3 outage, as
15 Penstock 3 supplies Bay d’Espoir Units 5 and 6.¹ Coordinating this work within the same outage
16 window allows Unit 5 work to be completed safely and efficiently while avoiding the need for an
17 additional outage, minimizing overall impact on system operations. The overhaul of Unit 6 is
18 planned for the following year to optimize resource scheduling within the Penstock 3 outage
19 window. This approach does not pose any major risk to work completion or system reliability.

¹ A proposal for the overhaul of Bay d’Espoir Units 5 and 6 will be included in Hydro’s 2027 Capital Budget Application, scheduled for filing in July 2026.