

1 Q. **Reference: Schedule 3**

2 At this point in time 1) the Board has not approved the Avalon CT, 2) the Board has not yet
3 established a schedule for review of Bay d’Espoir Unit 8, and 3) Hydro has yet to file an
4 application for new energy generation (e.g., wind generation). Is it now likely that Holyrood TGS,
5 and the Hardwoods and Stephenville gas turbines will remain in operation beyond 2030? If
6 required beyond 2030, how might this impact the capital expenditures in the 2027 – 2031
7 Capital Plan?

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10 A. The retirement date of the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station is wholly contingent on the
11 integration of new generation on the Island Interconnected System. As noted in this Request for
12 Information, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities has not yet approved Newfoundland
13 and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) proposals for new generation. As such, Hydro is unable to
14 provide an updated retirement date or determine at this time whether continued operation
15 beyond 2030 will be required. Hydro will continue to assess system reliability requirements
16 through its ongoing planning processes, including its Near-Term Reliability Report expected in
17 the fourth quarter of 2026 and its next Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Update in 2027.
18 Those assessments will inform Hydro's evaluation of future generation requirements and the
19 role of existing thermal generation resources. Given the uncertainty regarding whether
20 continued operation will be required, the duration of any such operation, and the resulting asset
21 requirements, Hydro cannot reasonably determine the impact on associated capital
22 expenditures at this time.