

- 1 **Q. (Reference Application, 3.1 Gander-Twillingate Transmission System Planning**
2 **Study, page 4) It is stated “Due to the severity of each of the risks identified,**
3 **up to 8,313 Newfoundland Power and Hydro customers are at significant risk**
4 **of extended outages unless transmission system upgrades are pursued.” Did**
5 **Hydro participate and sign off on this study? Is Hydro contributing to the cost**
6 **of the project?**
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- 8 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) did not directly participate in the *Gander-*
9 *Twillingate Transmission System Planning Study*. However, the planning groups at both
10 Newfoundland Power and Hydro are members of the Joint System Planning
11 Subcommittee (“JSPS”) that meets bi-annually to discuss system planning related work
12 relevant to both utilities. Hydro was made aware of Newfoundland Power’s consideration
13 of constructing a new transmission line between Lewisporte and Boyd’s Cove substations
14 in July 2023, and was formally notified of Newfoundland Power’s intention to file the
15 report as part of its *2025 Capital Budget Application* in May 2024. Hydro is not
16 contributing to the cost of the project.