

- 1 **Q:** (Liberty December 17, 2014 Report to Board on *Supply Issues and Power*
2 *Outages Review Island Interconnected System* addressing Newfoundland and
3 Labrador Hydro) The report states (page 125) that Hydro does not have
4 mutual aid agreements with any utilities outside the Province. Should it?
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- 7 **A.** Hydro has the ability to request resources from its subsidiary, Churchill Falls
8 (Labrador) Corporation and Newfoundland Power, and from non-utility resources
9 on the Island, but does not currently have any agreements in place with other
10 Canadian or U.S. utilities. The unique geographical situation of the Island of
11 Newfoundland restricts the ability to import crews, vehicles, and materials from the
12 mainland (and vice-versa). Hydro should maintain sufficient contact with other
13 regional utilities to explore options, but we would not find it surprising if they are
14 unable to secure reliable sources of significant mutual support.