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Q: Re: Review of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro Power Supply Adequacy and Reliability Prior to and Post Muskrat Falls ("the Liberty Report #2"), p. 43

Citation 1:

It must be recognized that repairing significant OHL damage in extreme weather and in the harsh terrain that some of the OHL line is situated will be challenging. Recognizing the magnitude of this challenge, it is hard to have confidence that two-weeks is the upper limit for repair for an OHL-related bi-pole outage.

Did Hydro ever affirm that two weeks is the upper limit for repair for an OHL-related bi-pole outage, or did it simply indicate that it had chosen a two-week target? Please provide a citation in support of your response.

A. It is Liberty's understanding, based on Hydro's responses to PUB-NLH-299 and GRK-NLH-033, that the two-week OHL repair duration was not presented as an upper limit. Given the wide variety of problems that could occur, it would seem near-impossible to define any absolute upper limit. The RFI responses suggest that Hydro's eventual preparation of restoration plans will be developed with the intention of containing outages to the two-week "objective". Hydro's ability to meet this objective will become more clear as emergency plans are developed. Nevertheless, as stated in our report, there is a reasonable, albeit low probability, chance that an extended outage of the bipole will occur.