

1 Q. Please provide Hydro's plans to support and develop the required infrastructure in the  
2 surrounding communities to facilitate the project. For example, paving of access roads to  
3 prevent degradation and dust generation to community and town infrastructure.

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6 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") currently anticipates the majority of work will  
7 occur on previously developed sites or pole lines along the Trans-Labrador Highway ("TLH"). The  
8 bulk of heavy construction work for the proposed project will occur at the existing diesel plant  
9 site located directly off the TLH and is not anticipated to be disruptive to the community of Port  
10 Hope Simpson. Distribution work will occur mainly on the existing pole line located along the  
11 paved TLH or the roads leading to the communities. Any work in the communities themselves is  
12 anticipated to be non-intrusive and would include transformer and distribution line  
13 replacements. Hydro will consider deploying dust control measures as needed to maintain safe  
14 travel on local roads. If further examination of these aspects of the project is required, for  
15 example, during the environmental assessment process, Hydro may also consider whether  
16 development of infrastructure is required to address issues related to dust generation or  
17 degradation.