

1 Q. **Reference: Application**

2 What does Hydro use as its security code of practice? Is it consistent with NERC requirements;
3 i.e., NERC CIP v5 standard?

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6 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) uses a risk based approach and industry best
7 practices and standards to guide its security program (security code of practice) to protect its
8 Industrial Control Systems (“ICS”) assets. Hydro has adopted a number of frameworks including
9 National Institute of Standards and Technology cybersecurity framework, policies from North
10 American Electric Reliability Corporation (“NERC”) and industry leading “Threat Intelligence”
11 tools to guide its security program. Hydro is not required to be NERC compliant; nevertheless
12 Hydro has developed policies consistent with NERC’s “Reliability Standards” for Critical
13 Infrastructure Protection to guide the security of its ICS assets. Hydro also has a dedicated
14 Cybersecurity Officer that participates in the Canadian Electricity Association’s Security and
15 Infrastructure Protection Committee which consists of members from Canadian Utilities to
16 discuss current security threats and opportunities.