

1 Q. **Reference: Volume II, Terminal Station Refurbishment and Modernization (2021-2022),**
2 **Section 2.1.7 – Perform Grounding Upgrades, Table 10**

3 If step and touch potential analysis and integrity assessments have not been completed on the
4 stations identified for grounding upgrades to date, upon what basis is Hydro estimating costs in
5 2022 for the grounding upgrades?

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8 A. The estimating costs for 2022 are based on Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") past
9 experience with upgrades required for similar size stations. Due to the fact that step and touch
10 potential deficiencies are a safety concern and Hydro has experience that shows upgrades are
11 typically required following analysis, grounding upgrades has been estimated within this project
12 for 2022.