

1 Q. **Volume 1: 2021 Capital Projects Overview**

2 Hydro states on page 16, lines 26-29, that “Hydro has deferred the \$2.0 million project to
3 replace various VHF mobile radio systems to 2022 as the current contract is near expiration and
4 Hydro is reviewing current and future functionality required; there are no reliability impacts
5 anticipated as a result of this deferral as a month by month option for extension of the contract
6 is available.”

7 Has Hydro consulted with Newfoundland Power and/or the provincial government with respect
8 to potentially utilizing a common field communications system? If so, please provide details. If
9 not, please explain.

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12 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is engaged with the provincial government and its
13 consultant on the scope of the Province Wide Radio System and the benefits that it provides.
14 Hydro is reviewing the system features to determine whether it provides opportunity for
15 common use. With respect to Newfoundland Power, Hydro understands there are contract
16 timing issues that do not make the pursuit of joint use an option at this time.