

1 Q. What is the Hydro and Newfoundland Power “integrated vision of the power system” and what
2 behind-the-meter alternatives including rate design, and in what amounts, are included in the
3 Reference Case?

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6 A. As Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) notes in the most recent *Reliability and*
7 *Resource Adequacy Study Review – Semi-Annual Update* to assess the need and timing for
8 further supply expansion to meet the Reference Case, Hydro is advancing work on the next
9 potential options in its supply stack by undertaking multiple feasibility studies through 2026,
10 driven by the outcome of the 2024 Resource Adequacy Plan.¹ Hydro will use the outputs of
11 these feasibility studies and incorporate them into its next Resource Adequacy Plan analysis.
12 Hydro is planning to submit its next Resource Adequacy Plan in 2027.

13 A rate design review is currently underway by Newfoundland Power Inc.; until that is completed,
14 Hydro cannot comment on any implications it may have for rate design or Hydro’s assumptions.

¹ Please refer to “*Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review – Semi-Annual Update of the Second Quarter of 2026*,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, June 30, 2026.