

1    Q.    **Reference: Application**

2            With respect to Isolated Systems, please provide an update on all studies being undertaken to  
3            connect Isolated Communities to the grid, or alternatively, replace diesel gensets with more  
4            environmentally-friendly alternatives.

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7    A.    As has been previously reported, the two most recent independent studies undertaken to  
8            investigate connecting isolated communities to the grid, or alternatively, replacing diesel  
9            gensets with more environmentally friendly alternatives, are the “Labrador Interconnection  
10           Options Study – 2020”<sup>1</sup> by Hatch Ltd. and the “Southern Labrador Communities Integrated  
11           Resource Plan”<sup>2</sup> by Midgard Consulting Inc.

12           As indicated in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) recent correspondence to the  
13           Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities<sup>3</sup> additional analysis required by the Board regarding  
14           the interconnection to the Labrador Interconnected System is currently underway.

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<sup>1</sup> Filed as Attachment 3 of Hydro’s response to LAB-NLH-015 (Revision 1 – October 5, 2021) of the Long-Term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador proceeding.

<sup>2</sup> “Southern Labrador Communities – Integrated Resource Plan,” Midgard Consulting Inc., March 28, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Application of the Construction of Hydro’s Long-Term Supply Plan for Southern Labrador, Newfoundland Labrador Hydro, August 21, 2025.