

1 Q. **Reference: Application, Five-Year Capital Plan (2026 – 2030)**

2 It is stated (page 4) *“Hydro is cognizant of the significant investment that would be required to*
3 *implement additional generation, and therefore will seek opportunities to reduce or defer other*
4 *capital expenditures in its five-year plan where appropriate and when associated risks can be*
5 *acceptably mitigated.”* Please describe each behind-the-meter program (e.g., customer-owned
6 generation, load control, community generation such as solar or wind farms, smart grid
7 applications, time-of-use rates, etc.) that Hydro is pursuing prior to proceeding with its
8 proposed major projects.

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11 A. The necessity and justification of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) proposed
12 Major Projects is discussed in depth in the applications for those projects. It is Hydro’s opinion
13 that the information requested is not necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters
14 to be considered in the 2026 Capital Budget Application as required by the *Board of*
15 *Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996.*