

1 Q. **Reference: Application, Capital Programs and Projects, L23/24 Steel-Tower Transmission Line**
2 **Renewal (2026–2029), Attachment 1, page 9 of 28**

3 a) Table 8 shows that the 3-year program covering high- and medium-priority repairs is
4 least cost at \$5.7 million. Hydro is seeking approval for a 4-year program at a cost of
5 \$8.6 million for high- and medium-priority repairs. Please reconcile the year and cost
6 differences.

7 b) Does Stantec do this type of construction/repair work, and if so, will they be allowed to
8 bid the project?

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11 A. a) It is stated in Table 8, Note 1 “The cost of Engineering is shown to be part of Year 1, but
12 Engineering phase should be started a year ahead.” This indicates that the project
13 engineering should start one year prior to the program durations specified; therefore,
14 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) is seeking approval for a four-year project.
15 The Engineering phase will include detailed design of reinforcements for all identified
16 deficiencies, and take approximately six months to complete.

17 The cost of \$5.7 million supplied by Stantec Consulting Ltd. (“Stantec”) included material
18 supply, consultant and contract costs. The additional \$2.9 million constitutes Hydro’s costs
19 of internal labour, inclusive of project management, construction management,
20 environmental monitoring and administration services to manage the project over a four-
21 year period, in addition to interest/escalation and contingency.

22 b) Stantec is primarily an engineering, design and consulting company. Various consulting
23 and/or construction companies will be competent to bid this project, including Stantec. All
24 bidders and subsequent subcontractors will be evaluated by Hydro in accordance with the
25 established procurement process which will adhere to the requirements of the *Public*
26 *Procurement Act* and associated guidelines.