

1 Q. **Reference: Application, Capital Programs and Projects, Widen Right of Way (2026–2028) –**
2 **Gros Morne National Park, Attachment 1, page 2 of 112**

3 It is stated *“The Park is recognized for its exceptional natural beauty and is inscribed on the*
4 *UNESCO World Heritage List.”* Given the heritage and environmental importance of the Park, does
5 Hydro consider this project to be consistent with providing least cost supply in an environmentally
6 responsible manner?

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9 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) considered impacts of the proposed project on
10 Valued Components (“VC”), which are key ecological or cultural resources that are characteristic
11 of the environment, unique or outstanding features, and/or are important to visitor experience
12 objectives.

13 Hydro collaborated with Parks Canada in 2023 to better understand implications of this project
14 for the VC. As noted in Attachment 1, “Hydro used a risk-based approach to minimize the scope
15 of the Project and its potential impacts to VCs. With the implementation of specific mitigation
16 measures contained herein, significant adverse effects of the Project on identified VCs are not
17 anticipated and desired outcomes are expected to be achieved.”¹ Hydro believes that this
18 project is in line with its mandate to provide safe, reliable and least-cost service in an
19 environmentally responsible manner.

¹ “2026 Capital Budget Application,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, July 15, 2025, Volume II, sch. 7. proj. 8, Attachment 1, p. 3.