

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

2 It is stated (page 4) “in support of Hydro’s expansion plans, Hydro is exploring the viability of  
3 technical options, including special protection schemes and dynamic line rating, which would  
4 help minimize the transmission investment required and inform a future capital application, if  
5 required.” How is Hydro able to determine its preferred expansion plan without knowing the  
6 transmission requirements necessary to transport generation supply to the load? Should not all  
7 supply alternatives including transmission be considered in an integrated resource planning  
8 process?

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11 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) Minimum Investment Required Expansion Plan  
12 and any associated transmission requirements is the subject of the *Reliability and Resource*  
13 *Adequacy Study Review* proceeding and the 2025 Build Application, which are currently under  
14 review by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. It is Hydro’s opinion that the  
15 information requested is not necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters to be  
16 considered in the 2026 Capital Budget Application as required by the *Board of Commissioners of*  
17 *Public Utilities Regulations, 1996*.