

1 Q. **Reference: Project 8: Widen Right of Way (2026 - 2028) Gros Morne National Park**

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3 “Project planning and development has been ongoing for more than a decade.”

4 With planning ongoing for more than a decade was this project included in previous 5-year
5 capital plans? If not, why not?

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8 A. This scope of work was not included in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) previous
9 five-year plans. Planning and development have been ongoing for several years due to the
10 nature of the work and its location within Gros Morne National Park; however, until the final
11 scope of work was confirmed, it could not be fully determined if this work was capital or
12 operating in nature. A federal detailed impact assessment was required prior to proceeding with
13 the project, the approval of which was obtained in 2024. Additionally, as the widened right-of-
14 way (“ROW”) footprint will be outside of the existing ROW leases between Hydro and Parks
15 Canada; a Memorandum of Understanding was required between Hydro and Parks Canada
16 confirming that the widened footprint would be included in the ROW area during the next
17 easement lease renewal in 2027. The Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Hydro
18 and Parks Canada. Until the Memorandum of Understanding was established, Hydro could not
19 accurately predict the timing of this project, including whether it could be completed within the
20 five-year plan.