

1 Q. **Reference: Project 12: Overhaul Hydraulic Units (2026)**

2 Page 7, lines 7-9.

3 “To align work with other capital projects and provide operational synergies, Hydro  
4 recommends a delayed proceeding with the planned PM9 inspection and associated  
5 refurbishments on the reduced pace of a seven-year interval for the PM9 inspection on Bay  
6 d’Espoir Unit 7 and Hinds Lake Unit 1.”

7 What impacts, if any, are there for future planned PM9 inspections and associated  
8 refurbishments of hydraulic units elsewhere in the Hydro system due to the reduced pace of a  
9 seven-year interval on Bay d’Espoir Unit 7 and Hinds Lake Unit 1?

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12 A. The decision by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) to reduce or advance the pace of  
13 preventive maintenance PM9 inspections by one-year is normal practice to balance risk and  
14 reliability within outage planning. Hydro manages these changes and any potential impact on  
15 other hydraulic units by adjusting its five-year maintenance outage plan for hydraulic units  
16 accordingly to ensure that PM9s are completed at planned intervals. On average, Hydro  
17 performs two to three PM9 inspections each year, depending on unit size. However, to balance  
18 future overhauls with the proposed pace reduction for 2026, Hydro will evaluate the  
19 requirement to advance or reduce the pace on other units, or perform four PM9 inspections in  
20 the same season if necessary. The completion of four PM9 inspections would entail smaller units  
21 and sibling units whose PM checks are nearly identical, enabling Hydro to complete these  
22 inspections in tandem or in series within the same outage window.