Q. **Reference: Reference: Volume 1, pages 153, 171; Schedule D-V, page 239; Schedule F, page 248; Schedule G, page 357; Volume 3, page 697**

Provide an annual rate-path exhibit for 2027 through 2035, in Excel, under at least the following scenarios:

a) the current rate mitigation plan continues at its current design and funding level past 2030;

b) mitigation declines after 2030;

c) mitigation ends after 2030 with no successor mechanism;

d) deferral account balances outstanding at 2030 (including but not limited to the Power Purchase Expense Recognition balance, the Muskrat Falls PPA Sustaining Capital Deferral Account, the AFUDC Deferral Account, the Holyrood TGS Accelerated Depreciation Deferral Account, and the Long-Term SCVDA) are disposed of on the amortization schedules and carrying rates as currently filed; and

e) the same deferral balances are disposed of on an accelerated basis (e.g., half the current amortization period). For each scenario and year, show class-level annual revenue requirement, mitigation amount, customer revenue, rate increase, representative Domestic and General Service monthly bill impacts, and the outstanding balance of each named deferral account. State the key assumptions (load, hydrology, export prices, fuel costs, Muskrat Falls supply costs, Holyrood retirement timing, WACC) explicitly and hold them constant across scenarios so the comparison isolates the mitigation and disposition choices being tested.

A. **a)** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") 2026 General Rate Application ("GRA") is based on a 2027 Test Year and, accordingly, the revenue requirement and proposed rates in the 2026 GRA reflect the forecast costs and revenues applicable to the test year. The 2026 GRA does not establish a rate mitigation plan for the period after 2030.

At this time, Hydro's comments on any post-2030 rate mitigation measures would be speculative, and the scenarios requested by the Consumer Advocate would require Hydro to develop assumptions regarding the continuation, reduction or elimination of rate mitigation beyond 2030. Accordingly, the requested rate paths would necessarily be based on assumptions that do not form part of Hydro's 2026 GRA or its proposed rates.

Hydro does not consider it appropriate to present such hypothetical scenarios, and Hydro's position is that the information requested is outside the scope of the 2027 Test Year GRA and would not provide a meaningful forecast of future rates in the absence of an established post-2030 rate mitigation mechanism. Any rate mitigation measures applicable after 2030 would need to be considered based on the circumstances, forecasts, government policy, and regulatory framework applicable at that time.

b) Please refer to Hydro's response to part a).

c) Please refer to Hydro's response to part a).

d) Please refer to Hydro's response to CA-NLH-192 of this proceeding.

e) Please refer to Hydro's response to CA-NLH-195 of this proceeding. For a number of the deferral account balances, disposition has already been approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. For two other deferral accounts, the Power Purchase Expense Recognition and Muskrat Falls Export Revenue Recognition, recovery from customers is not planned as these are simply timing differences. Disposition of the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station Accelerated Depreciation Deferral Account and the Long-Term Supply Cost Variance Deferral Account have not yet been proposed.