Q. **Reference: Application, Chapter 2, page 2.12**

Hydro states "*Recognizing the scale of planned capital investment and broader cost-of-living pressures faced by customers, Hydro reduces or defers capital investment, where appropriate.*"

a) Maintaining Holyrood TGS and the Hardwoods and Stephenville gas turbines in service until 2030 indicates that Hydro believes that the benefits during this period exceed the high costs, poor reliability performance and detrimental environmental and safety impacts of these facilities. Quantify the benefits versus costs and risks for the period up to 2030.

b) Retiring Holyrood TGS and the Hardwoods and Stephenville gas turbines in 2030 indicates that Hydro believes that the benefits in the period beyond 2030 no longer exceed the high costs, poor reliability performance and detrimental environmental and safety impacts of these facilities. Quantify the benefits versus costs and risks for the period 2030 to 2035.

A. The determinations with respect to maintaining and/or retiring the noted assets are ones that have been and continue to be considered within Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") ongoing *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review* proceeding ("*RRA Study Review*") before the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. The record in that proceeding has substantial analysis and recommendations with respect to the purposes for which the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station, and the Hardwoods and Stephenville gas turbines continue to be used and useful at this time. It is Hydro's opinion that the information requested is not necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters to be considered in the 2026 General Rate Application as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996*.