

1 Q. **Reference: Response to CA-NLH-018, part a**

2 Further to CA-NLH-018(a), please explain how Hydro's asset-management framework is
3 consistent with good utility practice in the absence of a formally documented Strategic Asset
4 Management Plan.

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7 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") does not currently have a single, formally
8 documented Strategic Asset Management Plan; however, many of the components of a
9 Strategic Asset Management Plan are already reflected across Hydro's existing corporate,
10 departmental, business planning, resource planning and capital planning processes. These
11 processes link Hydro's strategic objectives to asset management activities and support
12 investment decisions that consider factors such as asset condition, risk, lifecycle cost, reliability
13 and customer impacts.

14 Hydro considers this framework to provide a sound foundation for good utility asset-
15 management practice. As Hydro continues to mature its asset management system, it will
16 further refine, align and consolidate these existing elements to improve consistency, traceability
17 and documentation across the organization.