

1 **Q. Reference: Response to PUB-NLH-117**

2 **a)** How many of Hydro's distribution feeders are equipped with reclosers that are remotely
3 monitored through its SCADA system? In the response provide the actual number in service
4 at the end of 2025, the number planned for completion in the approved 2026 Capital
5 Budget Application and the number planned for completion in the 2027 Capital Budget
6 Application. Also, include the total number of distribution feeders in Hydro's various
7 distribution systems.

8 **b)** How many of Hydro's reclosers that are remotely monitored through its SCADA system are
9 located downstream from Hydro's substations allowing for the sectionalizing of feeders
10 remotely to reduce the number of customers impacted by equipment failure?

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13 **A. a)** There is a total of 143 feeders in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro")
14 distribution system.¹ There were 31 reclosers connected to Supervisory Control and Data
15 Acquisition ("SCADA") as of the end of 2025. An additional four reclosers are in the process
16 of being connected to SCADA as approved in the 2026 Capital Budget Application ("CBA").
17 There are 3 reclosers planned for completion within the 2027 CBA. Hydro is upgrading
18 capability to many that are already connected, leading to lower new counts for these two
19 years. Going forward, Hydro plans to connect all distribution equipment to SCADA with a
20 view towards reducing operating costs.

21 **b)** There are a total of three downstream (non-terminal station) remotely monitored reclosers
22 installed to date. Downstream reclosers are proposed for stage two of the SCADA
23 automation project. At this time, Hydro's stage one application includes only substation
24 equipment at the source side.

¹ Including sub-feeders of the main feeders.