

1 Q. Is Hydro planning to work with Emera or other utilities after the Maritime Link is in
2 service to consider a power support at times of peaks and outages, including using
3 spring/summer freshet power purchases from third party power suppliers in the IIS
4 system?

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7 A. Hydro is working with the utilities in the Maritimes to determine the level of power
8 support capability available for peak times and during contingencies. It also has an
9 agreement with NSPI through the Interconnection Operators Agreement to obtain
10 emergency power during emergency situations. Hydro plans to finalize
11 arrangements for reserve sharing and emergency service prior to the in-service of
12 the Maritime Link.

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14 At this point in time, spring/summer power purchases have not been identified as
15 alternatives which provide value to Hydro's customers.