

1 **Q. In reference to the evidence of Earl Ludlow, page 3, lines 4 to 5 - “Newfoundland**
2 **Power and Hydro formed an inter-utility system reliability committee to identify**
3 **and respond to circumstances that may result in supply interruptions.” - Is there**
4 **currently, or are there plans for, a similar committee to identify capital and**
5 **operation and maintenance cost savings through sharing of facilities and resources?**
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7 A. A Joint Task Force was established in 1997 by Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland
8 & Labrador Hydro to explore feasible opportunities to reduce costs through the
9 identification and elimination of duplication and through the sharing of resources. Please
10 refer to the Company’s response to CA-269 for information on the results of this
11 initiative and a copy of the report entitled “A Report of Joint Co-ordination between
12 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro and Newfoundland Power” which was submitted to
13 the Public Utilities Board on December 23, 2002. The recommendations contained in the
14 report were agreed to by both utilities.