

1 Q. Further to PUB-Nalcor-65, please confirm the date when analysis of the Muskrat
2 Falls-Labrador-Island Link and Nova Scotia Link Project was commenced?

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5 A. As indicated in Nalcor's response to PUB-Nalcor-65 (Revision 1), planning for
6 Muskrat Falls and Gull Island has been taking place since May 8, 2006, in
7 accordance with direction from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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9 With the HQT OATT application in January of 2006, Nalcor's primary focus was on
10 Gull Island, and the HVdc link was considered as an alternative in Hydro's
11 generation expansion plans since that date.

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13 With the May 11, 2010 decision by the Quebec Regie de l'energie to dismiss NLH's
14 complaints against Hydro Quebec, priority was then given to Muskrat Falls in
15 conjunction with the Labrador Island Transmission Link as an interconnected
16 solution to meet the island's needs.