

1 Q. At page 39 of the Appendix C9 SNC Lavalin report, SNC Lavalin states that *"If no*
2 *reductions are made in the export to Nova Scotia as outlined above, the line*
3 *overloads that will result in the 230 kV system are summarized in Table 5-1."* Could
4 the capability to make reductions in exports to Nova Scotia eliminate or mitigate
5 the need for the proposed transmission line project in any of the base cases
6 analyzed by Hydro for this project?

7
8
9 A. The reduction in exports to Nova Scotia does not eliminate or mitigate the need for
10 the proposed transmission line project in any of the cases analyzed by Hydro. The
11 installation of a third 230 kV line in the Bay d'Espoir to Western Avalon transmission
12 corridor is justified on the dynamic performance of the system for faults at the
13 Soldiers Pond Terminal Station and is not related to thermal overloads of
14 transmission lines west of Bay d'Espoir.