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As proposed in the 2018 Filing, Hydro intends to update and file its assessment of resource adequacy annually. Hydro proposes to file a more comprehensive analysis, similar to the 2018 Filing, every three years.

Please clarify, in Hydro's view, which of these filings will be subject to Board approval.

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Both the comprehensive analysis and annual updates are intended to provide insight into the reliability of the Newfoundland and Labrador Interconnected System, similar to the Generation Planning Issues reports previously filed with the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities ("Board"). It is not Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") intention for either the comprehensive analysis or the annual updates to be subject to Board approval. Rather, through this regulatory proceeding Hydro is seeking Board approval of the planning criteria and methodology to be used in the analysis which will support Hydro's planning process, including the development and filing of these reports. Following approval of the planning criteria and methodology, this analysis and the associated reporting will help identify when resource additions are required on a reliability basis and which resource option satisfies the reliability criteria at least-cost. At an appropriate point in time, Hydro would then submit a capital budget application for the development of the identified resource option; that project would be subject to Board approval.