Q. Reference: Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study – 2022 Update, October 3, 2022, page 4, lines 4-10.

Recognizing that the time from recommendation to eventual commissioning of a new resource (such as Bay d'Espoir Unit 8) could potentially take eight years, the need to proceed with the integration of incremental generation is required. Hydro must also consider the current LIL reliability analysis and plan for the potential of an extended loss of the LIL. Hydro is therefore recommending to proceed with the development of an application for new supply, with the primary consideration being given to expansion at the Bay d'Espoir Hydroelectric Generating Facility; specifically, the addition of Unit 8, with a capacity of 154 MW.

Please provide a timeline for the development of an application by Hydro for new supply, with the primary consideration being given to expansion at the Bay d 'Espoir Hydroelectric Generating Facility; specifically, the addition of Unit 8.

A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") has begun the front-end execution planning process of bringing project documentation to the required standard to prepare an application for approval by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for Unit 8 at the Bay d'Espoir Hydroelectric Generating Facility. This will include the preparation of an AACE¹ Level 3 Construction Schedule and Basis. This schedule will define the timeline; however, current estimates have the submission of the application in the first quarter of 2024.

¹ Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering ("AACE").