

1 Q. **Reference: Application Volume 1, 2022 Capital Budget Overview**

2 It is stated (page 11) “There are no proposed capital projects for either the Hardwoods or
3 Stephenville Gas Turbines in the 2022 CBA or in the five-year capital plan; Hydro plans to retire
4 both of these units in 2023.” Is this supported by the results of the Reliability and Supply
5 Adequacy Study?

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8 A. This is consistent with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) proposed retirement of
9 the gas turbine facilities at Hardwoods and Stephenville, as assumed in Hydro’s Reliability and
10 Resource Adequacy Study. Hydro has proposed retirement of the Stephenville Gas Turbine in
11 2023, following the addition of a 230/66 kV, 40/53.3/66.7 MVA power transformer at the
12 Bottom Brook Terminal Station. Hydro plans to retain the Hardwoods Gas Turbine in service
13 until the Labrador-Island Link is proven reliable. Hydro then plans to retire the Hardwoods Gas
14 Turbine at the same time as the Holyrood Thermal Generating Station, currently planned for
15 2023.