

1 Q. **Reference: Application Volume 2**

2 Has Hydro considered leasing all of its IT hardware and software from a third-party?

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5 A. As part of the procurement process, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) reviews all
6 available options for information technology (“IT”) hardware and software to determine the
7 least-cost option that meets Hydro’s business and technical requirements. Based on Hydro’s
8 historical experience, a combination of both leased and purchased IT hardware and software is
9 required to meet Hydro’s IT needs.