

1 Q. **Reference: Application Volume 1, 2022 Capital Budget Application – Five-year Capital Plan**
2 **(2022 – 2026))**

3 The five-year plan does not refer to the possibility of constructing Bay d’Espoir Unit 8. Has Hydro
4 ruled out that project as unnecessary or uneconomic for meeting any possible capacity shortfalls
5 following the commission of Muskrat Falls? Has Hydro factored in its planning process the end
6 of the contractual obligations under the Churchill Falls Project in 2041 and the impact this will
7 have on the availability of electricity for the province?

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10 A. The requirement for additional resources in the near term will be subject to the outcomes of the
11 ongoing *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review* proceeding. Once the *Reliability and*
12 *Resource Adequacy Study Review* proceeding has concluded, as incremental resources are
13 required in the near term, such resources would be identified in the five-year capital budget
14 plan and application for construction of resources would be made to the Board of
15 Commissioners of Public Utilities in the appropriate time frame. At this time, 2041 remains
16 beyond Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s planning horizon.