

1 **Q. Reference: Application**

2 With respect to paragraph 13, what are the additional firm transmission investments referred
3 to? How much additional capacity will result from them? Will all of this be considered non-firm
4 power?

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7 **A.** At this time, there are no additional firm transmission investments approved for the Labrador
8 Interconnected System. There are studies underway in accordance with the Network Additions
9 Policy (“Policy”) to evaluate the options for adding new transmission infrastructure to the
10 Labrador Interconnected System to accommodate the connection of additional customer load
11 on a firm basis (excluding cryptocurrency service requests).

12 All capital expenditures to upgrade the transmission network would require approval of the
13 Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”) and would require the applicant or
14 applicants whose request for firm service prompted or required the investments to pay the
15 appropriate charges required under the Policy (which is also required to be approved by the
16 Board).

17 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) would conduct regular reviews of the upgraded
18 transmission system to monitor how much capacity can be made available to serve other
19 customer requests both on a firm and non-firm basis. Any added capacity would be used first to
20 provide firm service, if required and if sufficient to do so.¹ Any surplus available capacity could
21 then be made available on a non-firm basis.

¹ Please refer to Hydro’s response to LAB-NLH-008 of this proceeding for the order of priority of load service.