

1 Q. Why was 20 MW of power from the 50MW not provided to Blockchain Labrador Inc.
2 (“Blocklab”) as per its 2017 application for firm power?

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5 A. BlockLAB’s¹ application in 2017 for 20 MW of firm power was denied as there was inadequate
6 transmission capacity available on the 230 kV lines servicing Labrador West to provide that
7 amount of power. Subsequently, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) and BlockLAB
8 agreed upon a Temporary Service Agreement of up to 7.75 MW of capacity when it was
9 available. This was approved by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities (“Board”) in
10 Order No. P.U. 27(2018).² An extension of the Temporary Service Agreement with BlockLAB of
11 up to 7.75 MW was approved by the Board in Order No. P.U. 36(2022).³

12 The proposed non-firm rate option is being offered on the premise that at certain times there
13 would be unused capacity of which non-firm customers could avail, subject to a certain number
14 of interruptions per season. This is a different service product and Hydro has an obligation to
15 treat all customers seeking access to non-firm power in a fair and equitable manner.

¹ Blockchain Labrador Corporation (“BlockLAB”).

² *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, c P-47, Board Order No. P.U. 27(2018), Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, August 10, 2018.

³ *Public Utilities Act*, RSNL 1990, c P-47, Board Order No. P.U. 36(2022), Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, December 16, 2022.