- Q. Schedule 2, page 2 of 3. The third item under "Terms and Conditions" states that applicants
  interested in proceeding with non-firm service will fund a system impact study for use in
  finalizing the amount of non-firm capacity that can be made available.
  - a) How long does Hydro anticipate will be needed to complete this study?
  - **b)** Will the timing of this study impact the effective date of the non-firm rate?

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- A. a) Please refer to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") response to PUB-NLH-002 of this proceeding.
- b) Hydro anticipates the effective date of the non-firm rate will be prior to customers being able to avail of the service (with the exception of BlockLAB's¹ service in Labrador West). All customers will need to construct considerable infrastructure to avail of the non-firm service. In consultation with customers, it is Hydro's understanding that customers will wait until the resolution of the Non-Firm Rate Application before making business decisions to move forward with any significant project engineering, procurement, or construction expenditures.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Blockchain Labrador Corporation ("BlockLAB").