

1 Q. (Reference Application Clause 5) It is stated *“Hydro has the opportunity to avail of funding from*
2 *the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (“Government”) to install additional DCFCs at*
3 *seven charging sites across the province, with a capability of charging 14 vehicles simultaneously,*
4 *as well as two additional chargers as backup for the two proposed sites in Labrador (“Project”).*
5 *These chargers will add further capacity for growth and alleviate congestion, in addition to*
6 *providing faster charging times reflecting advancements in EV charging technology.”*

- 7 a. What is the deadline imposed by government for Hydro to avail of the funding?
- 8 b. What conditions has the government placed on Hydro for it to receive the funding?
- 9 c. Has the government indicated what happens to the funding if Hydro is unable to avail of the
- 10 funding by the deadline? For example, will the deadline be extended, will the funding be
- 11 opened up to other parties, etc?
- 12 d. Have advancements in charging technology made Hydro’s existing chargers obsolete?
- 13 e. Rather than add new chargers, could Hydro simply replace existing chargers with more
- 14 advanced technology?
- 15 f. Was there a federal government contribution, either directly or through the Government of
- 16 Newfoundland and Labrador’s contribution, to Phase 1 of the Ultra-Fast DCFC project and is
- 17 there any federal funding involved in this Phase 2 proposal?
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- 20 A. a. The funding agreement with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- 21 (“Government”) is based upon a project completion date of March 31, 2027.
- 22 b. Please refer to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro’s (“Hydro”) response to PUB-NLH-005 of
- 23 this proceeding.
- 24 c. If Hydro cannot complete the project and avail of the funds, Government can suspend or
- 25 terminate the funding agreement. Hydro cannot comment on any further specific actions
- 26 Government may take.
- 27 d. No, Hydro’s existing chargers are not obsolete. As noted in Section 5.1.5 of Schedule 1 of the
- 28 Application, Hydro continues to see value in its existing chargers even after the construction

- 1 of the Ultra-Fast expansions. Not all vehicles are able to avail of high charging rates and will
2 continue to be well served by the existing chargers. Further, they will continue to add
3 charging capacity during periods of high usage and congestion on the charging network.
- 4 e. Hydro is currently experiencing congestion and wait times at its existing chargers. Removing
5 existing charging capacity that is currently used and useful in the provision of charging
6 services would not, in Hydro's opinion, be prudent.
- 7 f. Please refer to Hydro's response to part b) of PUB-NLH-001 of this proceeding.