

1 Q. Reference: CBC Article posted July 23, 2026 ([https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/maritime-provinces-energy-mou-regional-electricity-operator-9.7280914)
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3 New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have signed an MOU which includes
4 development of a “*regional road map for electricity transmission by next spring and will consider*
5 *creating an independent electricity system operator to manage power delivery in the*
6 *Maritimes.*” Was the government of NL asked to participate, and if not, does it intend to
7 approach the other 3 provinces about participating in this element of the MOU?

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10 A. It is Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's (“Hydro”) opinion that the information requested is
11 not necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters to be considered in the 2026
12 General Rate Application as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities*
13 *Regulations, 1996*. Further, the question relates to the intentions and activities of the
14 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador (“Government”) rather than Hydro. Accordingly,
15 Hydro is not in a position to provide a response concerning whether Government was invited to
16 participate or whether it intends to pursue participation in the initiatives contemplated by the
17 memorandum of understanding.