

1 Q. **Reference: Volume I, Section 2.1.1, footnote 5, Issue Topic: System Reliability and Customer**
2 **Operations**

3 Does Hydro agree that more frequent and severe weather events could negatively impact
4 reliability? If not, why not?

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7 A. Yes, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") agrees that it is reasonable to assume that
8 more frequent and severe weather events could negatively impact reliability, or may require
9 investments to improve system resiliency to maintain current reliability levels. Please refer to
10 Hydro's 2026-2030 Strategic Plan¹ for further information on the specific strategies and actions
11 Hydro is taking to reinforce system resilience.

¹ "Strategic Plan 2026-2030," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, <https://nlhydro.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/STRAT-PLAN-2026-2030-FINAL.pdf>.