

- 1 **Q. (Reference CA-NP-089) It is stated “*this arrangement would: (i) create***
2 ***additional energy that Hydro would need to export at the low marginal***
3 ***energy rate;” Why did Hydro issue a Request for Expressions of Interest in***
4 ***July 2025 for 500 GWh of firm energy and 150 MW of firm capacity on the IIS***
5 ***(CA-NP-036) if it would need to export this firm energy at the low marginal***
6 ***energy rate?***
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- 8 **A.** Hydro issued its request for expressions of interest (“RFEI”) to gather market
9 information from interested parties who can provide incremental sources of capacity and
10 energy to help meet island demand and system requirements in a least-cost, reliable,
11 and environmentally responsible manner.¹ Hydro’s reasons for issuing the RFEI are
12 based on the analysis completed in Hydro’s *2024 Resource Adequacy Plan*.²
13 Newfoundland Power does not have a basis to conclude that Hydro issued the RFEI for
14 any other purpose.
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- 16 Irrespective of whether Hydro’s RFEI process eventually leads to additional energy and
17 capacity resources on the Island Interconnected System, the Maritime Link will continue
18 to facilitate Hydro’s energy importing and exporting activities with neighboring electricity
19 markets.

¹ See Hydro news release *Hydro issues request for expressions of interest for adding capacity and energy resources to the Newfoundland Island System*, July 9, 2025.

² *Ibid.*