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ST. JOHN'S, N.L. – Premier Kathy Dunderdale of Newfoundland and Labrador says she believes a court challenge by Hydro-Quebec that could affect the Muskrat Falls hydro project will fail.

Dunderdale says the legal challenge involving Hydro-Quebec's rights to access energy from the Upper Churchill dam is a desperate act.

Hydro-Quebec is asking Quebec Superior Court to affirm its right to flexible energy access after the 1969 Upper Churchill contract is renewed in 2016.

The utility says its rights to power have already been breached.

Critics of the \$7.7-billion Muskrat Falls project say construction should stop while legal questions are settled.

Dunderdale says the province has done its homework and won't let Quebec dictate its energy policy.