

1 Q. **Lab West**

2 **IN-NLH-051, Amended Application p. 2.11 (note 3)**

3 Citation:

4 "In October 2014, Cliff Natural Resources announced its plans to officially
5 close Wabush Mines."

6 Is the statement in IN-NLH-051 [*sic*] that "There has been an increase in domestic
7 and general service load [in Labrador West] as a result of increased economic
8 activity, due to the ramp up of mining activity in the area" still true?

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11 A. Hydro's statement in response to IN-NLH-051 that "[t]here has been an increase in
12 domestic and general service load [in Labrador West] as a result of increased
13 economic activity, due to the ramp up of mining activity in the area" reflects that
14 from 2007 to 2013, the communities of Wabush and Labrador City experienced
15 elevated levels of customer growth and energy sales growth compared to the
16 years preceding 2007. Hydro has attributed the increased growth levels to
17 increased economic activity associated with mining activity.

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19 With the recent announcement by Cliff Natural Resources to officially close
20 Wabush Mines and with the continued slowdown within the iron ore industry,
21 Hydro expects domestic and general service load growth to moderate in Labrador
22 West, until recovery in global iron ore markets renews interest in expanding iron
23 ore developments in this region.