

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.