

1     Q.     Further to the response to IC-NLH-072, why, given the differences between  
2           Newfoundland Power Inc.'s curtailable load and Newfoundland Power Inc.'s  
3           generation capacity, would consideration be given to treating the curtailable load in  
4           the same manner as Newfoundland Power Inc.'s generation capacity?

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7     A.     In its response to IC-NLH-072, Hydro is indicating that, as part of its procedures to  
8           deal with system emergencies such as a generation shortage or significant loss of  
9           transmission and depending on the severity of the situation, Hydro may call upon  
10          Newfoundland Power (NP) to interrupt its curtailable load. It is only treated in the  
11          same manner as NP's generation capacity insofar as they are both steps in Hydro's  
12          generation shortage procedure.

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14          Consideration should not be given to treating the curtailable load in the same  
15          manner as NP generation capacity. The ability to dispatch NP's curtailable load does  
16          not provide the same reliability as NP's generation capacity in terms of 'firmness',  
17          i.e., customers can refuse to curtail their load. As well, the limitations with respect  
18          to length of time that a customer can be curtailed at any one time (six hours), the  
19          total curtailable time in any winter peak period (100 hours), and the required  
20          advance notice for curtailment (one hour) may restrict its effectiveness in a system  
21          emergency situation.