Q. Reference: Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study 2021 Update - Volume II: Near-Term Reliability (2021 RRAS Update) page 17, lines 1-4.

Has Hydro received Newfoundland Power's forecast and updated its own load forecast? If, yes provide the updated forecast and explain any material differences between Hydro's and Newfoundland Power's forecast and any material difference between the forecast in the May, 2021 Update and the revised Hydro forecast. If Newfoundland Power's forecast has not been received, state when it is expected to be.

A. Yes, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") has received Newfoundland Power Inc.'s ("Newfoundland Power") 2021 forecast update. Their updated forecast peak requirements for the 2022 to 2025 period are lower than Hydro's internally prepared forecast for Newfoundland Power for the same period. The difference in peak forecasts can be attributed to differences in energy sales forecasts, as well as the difference in methodology used to calculate peak values.

Hydro's updated forecast using its internally prepared forecast for Newfoundland Power is presented in Table 1. This forecast, compared to the 2021 May Update, has an updated view on requirements at North Atlantic Refining Limited and includes the addition of a new industrial customer in 2023.

Table 1: Island Interconnected System Load Forecast (MW)<sup>1</sup>

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	2022	2023	2024	2025
Utility Requirements	1,474	1,473	1,478	1,481
Industrial Customers	154	162	179	180
Island Interconnected System Customer Coincident Demand	1,627	1,635	1,656	1,661

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Numbers may not add due to rounding.