

Q. **Reference: Chapter 2, Table 2-1**

Hydro indicates that overall energy requirements have increased by 0.5% (or 53 GWh) in the eight-year period between the 2019 Test Year and the proposed 2027 Test Year. Identify and quantify the principal drivers of forecast load growth (both energy and demand) over the Test Years. As part of the response, provide:

- a) a table similar to Table 2-1 that includes the energy and demand forecast as part of the 2019 Test Year between the three systems and in total;
- b) the energy and demand forecast between the three systems as reflected in the 2027 Test Year; and
- c) a description of the material drivers of the change and expressed in GWh or MW.

A. Please refer to Table 1 for the requested information. For a discussion of drivers by system, please refer to Exhibit 4 of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's 2026 General Rate Application.

Table 1: Demand and Energy Comparisons for the 2019 Test Year and 2027 Test Year

Island Interconnected System	2019TY	2027TY	Difference
Demand (MW)	1,567.0	1,683.7	116.7
Energy (GWh)	7,202.0	7,417.0	215.0
Labrador Interconnected System			
Demand (MW)	444.3	480.2	35.9
Energy (GWh)	2,971.0	2,810.0	(161.0)
Isolated Systems			
Demand (MW)	19.0	18.6	(0.4)
Energy (GWh)	81.0	79.0	(2.0)