

1 Q. **Reference: Volume 2 (Exhibit 4), pages 105, 109; OC2022-266**

2 a) Confirm whether the 2027 Test Year load forecast (or any sensitivity or scenario analysis
3 prepared but not filed) embeds any assumption, explicit or implicit, about a new wind-
4 hydrogen, ammonia, data-centre, or other large industrial load materializing on the
5 Island Interconnected or Labrador Interconnected System within the 2027-2035 period.

6 b) Identify any interconnection inquiry, capacity request, or preliminary discussion Hydro
7 has received from a wind-hydrogen or data-centre proponent as of the date of this filing
8 or the date of response, providing a table of inquiries received in the past three years
9 with proponent name (to the extent not confidential), requested capacity, requested in-
10 service date, and current status (active, withdrawn, lapsed, or other).

11 c) Given that OC2022-266 establishes a Government direction that Hydro is not obligated
12 to supply firm power to cryptocurrency-mining customers, confirm whether any
13 comparable direction, policy, or Hydro-initiated position exists or is contemplated for
14 wind-hydrogen or data-centre loads generally.

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17 A. a) The 2027 Test Year load forecast does not include any assumption that a new wind-
18 hydrogen project, ammonia facility, data centre, or other large industrial load will
19 materialize on either the Island Interconnected System or the Labrador Interconnected
20 System. The forecast is based on existing customer requirements and known load forecasts
21 provided by customers and utilities, as stated in the various sections of the document
22 provided as Exhibit 4 of Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") 2026 General Rate
23 Application ("GRA"). Existing industrial load is forecast to decline relative to 2019 Test Year,
24 and no new large industrial developments are reflected in the forecast. The filing does not
25 discuss any sensitivity or scenario analyses assuming such loads. Hydro's long-term load
26 forecasts have been provided in the *Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study Review*
27 proceeding.

- 1 **b)** Please refer to Hydro's response to part a). It is Hydro's opinion that the information
2 requested is not necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters to be considered
3 in the 2026 GRA as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations,*
4 1996.
- 5 **c)** There are no directions, policies, or positions similar to Order in Council OC2022-266 in
6 place for wind-hydrogen or data-centre customers.