

1 Q. **Reference: 2026 GRA – Volume I, Schedule A-II: Actual and Forecast Electricity Requirements**
2 **for 2019–2027**

3 Follow-up to LAB-NLH-001

4 Preamble:

5 It is standard practice for other Canadian utilities to update and file their long-term load
6 forecasts with their general rate applications. For example, Manitoba Hydro filed its 20-year
7 load forecast as Appendix 4.1 to its more recent GRA
8 ([https://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/proceedings-decisions/appl-current/mh-26-28-](https://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/proceedings-decisions/appl-current/mh-26-28-application.html)
9 [application.html](https://www.pubmanitoba.ca/v1/proceedings-decisions/appl-current/mh-26-28-application.html))

10 In response to part b), NLH confirms that the 2023 Planning Load Forecast is the most recent
11 publicly available long-term load forecast for the LIS prior to the 2026 GRA. Yet, in response to
12 LAB-NLH-030, NLH attaches the NLSO 2026 Annual Planning Assessment that notes (in Section 4)
13 that NLH produced a LIS long-term load forecast in June 2025. It is not clear whether this long-
14 term forecast is the same “June 2025 Operating Load Forecast” noted in the 2026 GRA.

15 a) Please file the most recent long-term load forecast prepared by NLH for the LIS; and

16 b) Please confirm that there is no change in forecasting methodologies between this most
17 recent long-term load forecast and the June 2025 Operating Load Forecast

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20 A. a) Please refer to LAB-NLH-034, Attachment 1, provided in Excel format, for the ten-year long-
21 term planning load forecast prepared by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) in
22 June 2025 for the Labrador Interconnected System. This is the same forecast as the “June

- 1 2025 Operating Load Forecast” noted in Hydro’s 2026 General Rate Application (“GRA”) but
- 2 extends out further years.¹
- 3 **b)** It is confirmed.

¹ Part b) of Hydro’s response to LAB-NLH-001 of this proceeding requested confirmation that the 2023 Planning Load Forecast was the most recent publicly available long-term load forecast for the Labrador Interconnected System prior to the 2026 GRA. Hydro confirmed this. The long-term load forecast prepared in June 2025 was not publicly available prior to the 2026 GRA.