

1 Q. **Reference: 2026 GRA – 2026 GRA Volume 1, Table 1-1 Estimated July 1, 2027, Rates Increases**
2 **by Customer Class**

3 Follow up to LAB-NLH-006

4 Citation: LAB-NLH-006 response to part c)

5 Preamble:

6 In response to part c) NLH refers to NLH's response to part g) of LAB-NLH-001, which addresses
7 forecasting methodology only.

8 Please provide updated tabular and graphical actuals and forecasts from 2015 to 2035 for
9 reference, medium and high growth scenarios for the LIS in terms of i) annual customer
10 coincident demand and ii) annual energy demand.

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13 A. Please refer to Table 1 for a summary of the forecasted and actual demand and energy from
14 2015 to 2025 for Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") Reference Case. The Reference
15 Case forecast beyond 2026 was provided in Hydro's response to LAB-NLH-001 of this
16 proceeding. Please refer to LAB-NLH-034 of this proceeding for the Long-Term Labrador
17 Interconnected Planning forecast.

Table 1: 2015–2025 Forecast and Actual Demand and Energy

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Forecast Energy (GWh)	2,492.2	2472.2	2,419.5	2,130.5	2,571.0	2,790.3	2,643.4	2,708.2	2,548.4	2,566.9	2,544.9
Total Actual Energy (GWh)	2,343.4	2,382.6	2,427.0	2,710.6	2,528.6	2,680.8	2,575.9	2,697.1	2,528.9	2,562.3	2,570.6

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total Forecast Peak (MW)	369.6	363.9	359.0	360.1	396.4	449.7	420.4	453.7	453.8	447.0	449.0
Total Actual Peak (MW)	371.1	370.1	385.1	405.1	400.8	441.5	409.0	432.8	422.4	443.5	429.2

1 Chart 1 and Chart 2 depict a graphical representation of the tabular data presented in Table 1.

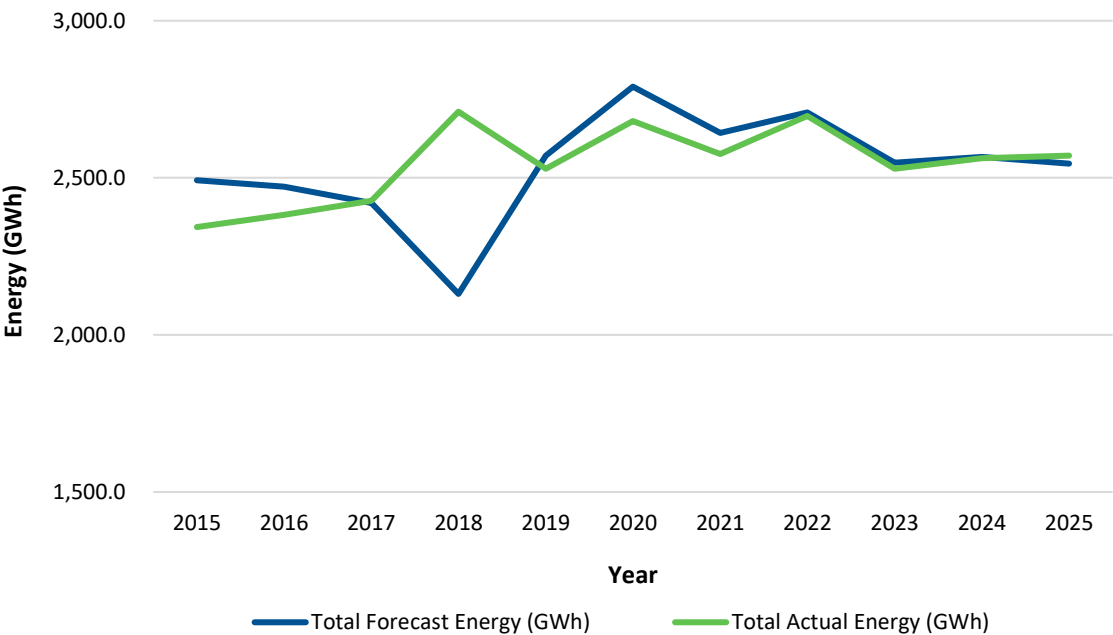


Chart 1: 2015–2025 Forecast and Actual Energy (GWh)

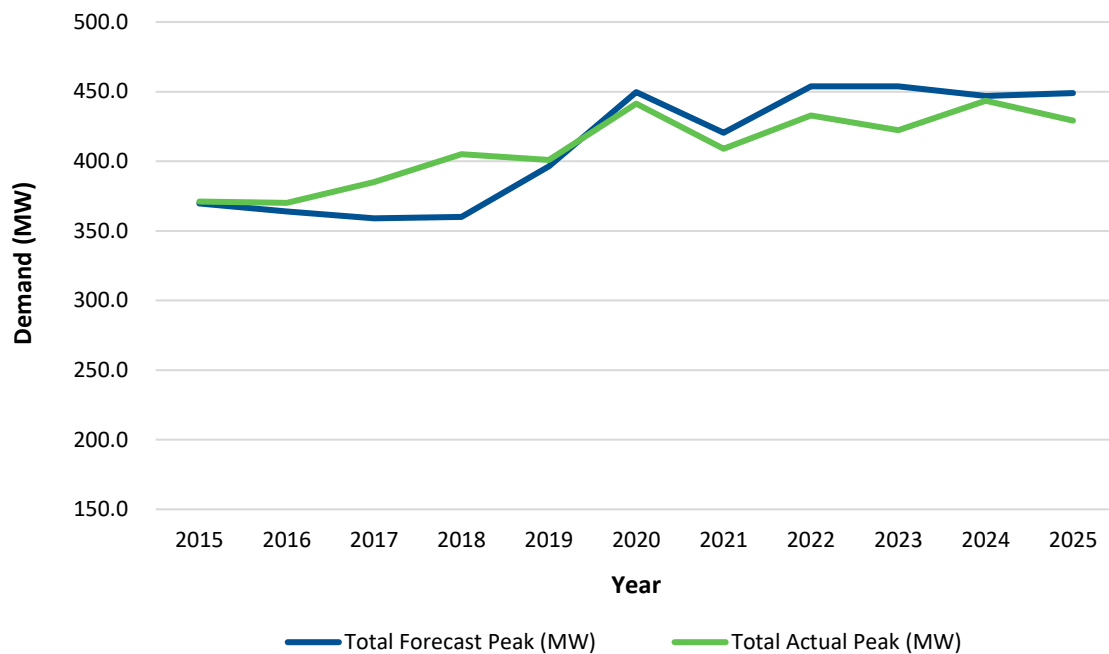


Chart 2: 2015–2025 Forecast and Actual Demand (MW)

Longer-term planning for the Labrador Interconnected System considers a range of evolving factors, including customer requirements, industrial development, electrification, system configuration, generation availability and transmission requirements. The implications of those factors for future system requirements are appropriately assessed through Hydro’s *Reliability and Resource Adequacy (“RRA”) Study Review*, where load requirements can be considered together with the associated reliability, resource and system planning considerations.¹

Long-term load scenarios are one input into that broader planning process and are considered together with the system requirements, alternatives and timing that may result from the planning analysis. The development of those matters does not establish the investments that will ultimately proceed or the costs that will ultimately be reflected in customer rates.

Any generation or transmission investment arising from future expansion requirements for the Labrador Interconnected System would be subject to the applicable regulatory approval process

¹ In the Settlement Agreement entered into between Hydro and the intervenors in the *RRA Study Review* regarding the 2024 Resource Adequacy Plan, the parties agreed that planning for the Island and Labrador should continue to be completed separately. Please refer to “2025 Build Application – Bay d’Espoir Unit 8 and Avalon Combustion Turbine,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, March 21, 2025, sch. 2, att. 1.

1 such as a capital budget application in which the need, alternatives, scope, timing and costs of
2 the project would be reviewed. Any approved costs proposed for recovery from customers
3 would subsequently be reflected in Hydro's cost of service and rates through a future General
4 Rate Application ("GRA") or other applicable regulatory proceeding, and subject to Board of
5 Commissioners of Public Utilities review and approval.

6 Accordingly, Hydro does not consider the requested reference, medium and high Labrador
7 Interconnected System demand and energy scenarios through 2035 necessary for a satisfactory
8 understanding of the matters to be considered in the 2026 GRA as required by the *Board of*
9 *Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations, 1996.*