

1 Q. Further to the response to PUB-NLH-007, describe in detail the coordination/
2 communication process that occurs each year in relation to Newfoundland Power's
3 5-year forecast.

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6 A. In the spring of each year Hydro requests that NP provide its current five-year load
7 forecast including both annual and monthly energy and peak demand
8 requirements. This request is made to NP via email and initiates an open dialogue
9 with NP with respect to NP's load forecast completion schedule. In the ensuing
10 period and prior to the receipt of NP's load forecast by Hydro there would be
11 informal communication and discussion between NP and Hydro with respect to any
12 number of load forecast related topics. Examples of such load forecast topics would
13 include:

- 14 • Recent energy and peak demand experience of the NP system;
- 15 • Forecast methodology;
- 16 • Provincial economic outlook; and
- 17 • Weather normalization of energy and peak.

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19 The intent of the discussions is to share observations with respect to historical and
20 forecast loads.

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22 Subsequent to the receipt of NP's five-year forecast and the completion of Hydro's
23 long-term planning forecast which includes Hydro's forecast of NP's energy and
24 peak demand requirements, Hydro and NP will communicate and discuss each
25 other's forecast results.