

Requests for Information

1 **Q. Further to the response PUB-NP-036, provide further justification in relation to the**
2 **conclusion at page 4 “...that no substantial modification is required in relation to (i)**
3 **customer energy and demand forecasting, (ii) transmission and distribution standards**
4 **and maintenance, (iii) emergency preparedness planning, or (iv) current energy**
5 **conservation programming appear justified by the events of January 2-8, 2014”.**

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7 **A. (i) Customer, Energy & Demand Forecasting**

8 In the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-006, it is indicated that the peak
9 demand experienced during the December 2013 and January 2014 winter season by
10 Newfoundland Power was within reasonable forecast variation.

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12 In addition, for the 10 years ending in 2013, Newfoundland Power’s variations from
13 forecast have been (i) less than 1% for customers ten out of ten times; (ii) less than
14 1.5% for energy nine out of ten times; and (iii) less than 3% for demand nine out of
15 ten times.

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17 This data does not indicate that substantial modification is required to Newfoundland
18 Power’s customer, energy and demand forecasting.

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20 **(ii) Transmission and Distribution Standards & Maintenance**

21 Nothing that occurred during the period January 2-8, 2014 indicates any material
22 deficiencies in either Newfoundland Power’s transmission and distribution standards
23 or maintenance.

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25 The damage sustained by Newfoundland Power’s transmission and distribution
26 systems during the blizzard which occurred in the period January 2-8, 2014 did not
27 indicate any deficiency in the Company’s standards.

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29 The operation of Newfoundland Power’s transmission and distribution systems
30 during the period January 2-8, 2014 did not indicate any deficiency in the Company’s
31 maintenance practices.

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33 Based upon these observations, no substantial modifications to Newfoundland
34 Power’s transmission and distribution standards and maintenance is indicated.

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36 **(iii) Emergency Preparedness Planning**

37 Nothing that occurred during the period January 2-8, 2014 indicates any material
38 modifications are required to Newfoundland Power’s emergency preparedness
39 planning as outlined in the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-028.

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41 Based upon this, no substantial modifications to Newfoundland Power’s emergency
42 preparedness planning are planned.

1 ***(iv) Current Energy Conservation Programming***

2 Newfoundland Power's current conservation programming is aimed at satisfying
3 customers' interests in conserving energy on a regular and consistent basis in order to
4 lower their electricity bills. While this programming should reduce electrical system
5 demand over the long term, it is not suited for short-term demand reductions in
6 response to electrical system distress.
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8 During January 2-8, 2014, the Island Interconnected System was distressed by a
9 combination of insufficient generation availability and a series of destabilizing
10 events. This, in turn, created significant distress for Newfoundland Power's
11 customers.
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13 Modifications to Newfoundland Power's current conservation programming would
14 not result in any appreciable reduction in the distress experienced by Newfoundland
15 Power's customers as a result of either insufficient generation availability or a series
16 of destabilizing events. For this reason, changes to existing conservation
17 programming as a result of the events of January 2-8, 2014 is not planned.