

1 Q. What criteria was used in the determination of loads to be included as part of the baseline
2 forecasts in the Labrador Interconnected System Transmission Expansion Study (e.g., why
3 was the load from Tacora Resources included in Lab West whereas the Department of
4 National Defence's anticipated expansion was not included in Lab East)?

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7 A. The baseline forecast can be distinguished by forecasted loads of a general nature (e.g.,
8 residential, small commercial and area lighting) and forecasted loads for significant sized
9 customers (e.g., industrial and larger commercial customers including data centres). Loads
10 of a general nature were forecast and included based on historical trends and forecaster
11 judgement with no specific criteria involved for inclusion. Loads for significant sized
12 customers were included for customers who were currently being served by Newfoundland
13 and Labrador Hydro and those customers that had a formal request accepted by
14 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro. In the example noted, a formal request was accepted
15 from Tacora Resources; however, the Departmental of National Defence had not yet
16 submitted a formal request.