

1 Q. Beginning on page 21 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro has outlined that there
2 has been an issue with the receipt of demand forecasts from Newfoundland Power
3 Inc. and the resulting unanticipated advancement of the installation of additional
4 transformer capacity at the Oxen Pond Terminal Station. Please provide details of
5 what steps Newfoundland (*sic*) and Labrador Hydro has undertaken to ensure that
6 appropriate delivery point load forecasts are provided to Newfoundland and
7 Labrador Hydro in a timely manner so that these forecasts can be integrated into
8 the capital budget planning process.

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11 A. As indicated in Hydro's response to IC-NLH-4, Newfoundland Power has provided
12 Hydro with a five year Energy and Demand Supply Forecast for its Newfoundland
13 Power delivery points annually with the exception of 2009 and 2011. It is Hydro's
14 understanding that the gap in 2009 was due to attrition at Newfoundland Power
15 which was subsequently resolved through a re-alignment of resources. In the period
16 following Newfoundland Power's re-alignment of resources and as part of a process
17 review, Hydro met with Newfoundland Power staff in 2011 to discuss the Energy
18 and Demand Supply Forecast. Hydro believes the forecast review process
19 completed by Newfoundland Power during 2011 may have resulted in no Energy
20 and Demand Supply Forecast being provided in 2011.

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22 The annual timing of Newfoundland Power's five year Energy and Demand Supply
23 Forecast is dependent on Newfoundland Power but will generally coincide with
24 Hydro's capital budget planning exercise.