

1 Q. Consumer Question: The Newfoundland Government Department of Statistics
2 provide an estimate of households on the NE Avalon, following a HIGH, MEDIUM
3 and LOW projection.
4 *Ref: [http://www.economics.gov.nl.ca/pdf2008/Population%20and%20Household%](http://www.economics.gov.nl.ca/pdf2008/Population%20and%20Household%20Projections_2008%20(web).pdf)*
5 *20Projections_2008%20(web).pdf]* This has estimated a HIGH estimate of 1000 new
6 homes per year. Considering the economic shift from RURAL to the NE Avalon the
7 household projections used by NALCOR appear to be on the upper bound. NALCOR
8 are asked to describe any differences from that published 3 years ago by the
9 Department of Finance and that used by NALCOR in their projections.

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12 A. Nalcor does not receive a forecast of households from the provincial Department of
13 Finance for preparing its long term load forecasts, but instead, a forecast of annual
14 provincial housing starts. The provincial housing start forecast provided by the
15 Department of Finance that was used in the 2010 PLF was provided in exhibit 27.
16 The forecasted average annual housing starts for the 2010 to 2029 period is 2135.

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18 A forecast of households for the Northeast Avalon region is not an accurate
19 representation of customer growth for the island interconnected system.