

1 Q. Please describe how the purchase of the proposed 100 MW combustion turbine  
2 meets the provincial and interprovincial commitments on climate change outlined  
3 in the government's *Charting our course: Climate Action Plan 2011*.  
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6 A. Insofar as the Newfoundland and Labrador electricity system is concerned, the  
7 cornerstone commitment in the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's  
8 climate action plan is the development of Muskrat Falls.<sup>1</sup> With the development of  
9 Muskrat Falls, GHG emissions associated with electricity generation in NL will be  
10 reduced by 1.2 Mt annually, with a corresponding 1.0 Mt annual reduction in Nova  
11 Scotia.<sup>2</sup>  
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13 Noting the major commitment made to reduce GHG emissions with renewable  
14 energy from Muskrat Falls, no commitment in the climate change plan precludes  
15 the purchase of the 100 MW combustion turbine for its intended use as a peaking  
16 resource during periods of high demand.

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<sup>1</sup> *Charting our Course: Climate Action Plan 2011*

([http://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/exec/ccee/publications/climate\\_change.pdf](http://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/exec/ccee/publications/climate_change.pdf)), page 9.

<sup>2</sup> See Note 1, page 10.