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3 Non-firm service is commonly viewed as two types:

- 4 ● Interruptible load/capacity assistance; and
- 5 ● Non-firm or surplus/excess energy.
- 6 ● Material differences in service obligations.

7 Please confirm that BlockLab's existing contract is of the first type, meaning that:

- 8 ● it can be required to curtail load at Hydro's request,
- 9 ● these requests are relatively rare,
- 10 ● compensation takes the form of a contractual payment, rather than a modification of
- 11 rates.

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14 A. BlockLAB¹ is currently billed on the approved firm rate for large general service customers (i.e.,
15 1,000 kVA and greater). There is no explicit compensation provided to BlockLAB for being
16 available to be curtailed. However, the terms of service established with BlockLAB were on a
17 temporary basis while Tacora Resources Inc. was going through the process of reopening
18 Wabush Mines. The Service Agreement with BlockLAB enabled Newfoundland and Labrador
19 Hydro to fully interrupt BlockLAB to ensure the firm load requirements of other customers were
20 not impacted by BlockLAB being provided service. Requests for BlockLAB to curtail load during
21 its temporary service term have been minimal. Please refer to slide 22 of the Non-firm Rate
22 Presentation² for background information on the Service Agreement with BlockLAB.

¹ Blockchain Labrador Corporation ("BlockLAB").

² "Non-Firm Rate Application – Information Session for Interested Parties," Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, November 30, 2022.