Schedule 1, Evidence, page 6. Hydro states that the preliminary interconnection estimates for the option of connecting non-firm customers at a location outside the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay and closer to the Muskrat Falls Terminal Station will be completed in early fall of 2022. Please provide the estimates. If the estimates are not available, please provide an update on the timing of estimate completion.

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The interconnection estimates have not yet been completed. Although Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") has completed some analysis, after the filing of the Non-Firm Rate Application and later the issuance of the Order in Council OC2022-266, some customers have indicated to Hydro that their outlook has changed. One Labrador East customer removed their application from the non-firm process. Other customers, after discussions with Hydro, expressed interest in pausing interconnection studies for a few months until the Non-Firm Rate Application was further along in its proceeding as the outcome could have an effect on the amount of customers remaining in the process or the amount of requested non-firm power. If Hydro continued with the interconnect estimates, they likely would have to be restudied (at customers expense) subsequent to the conclusion of the application process. Hydro intends to continue with the estimates in 2023.