

1 Q. Hydro cross-referenced the response to IC-NLH-012 to the response to NP-NLH-145.
2 NP-NLH-145 does not appear to be fully responsive to this question.

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5 IC-NLH-012 requested a specific reference, by asset account, as to which other
6 utilities were relied upon, and which asset account for those other utilities. The
7 response to NP-NLH-145 does not include any data showing the NLH accounts, nor
8 any form of table of concordance or other cross reference showing which NLH
9 accounts are considered to relate to which accounts for the other utilities. The
10 accounts for the other utilities are often named and/or classified differently, and/or
11 do not appear to contain comparable assets. It is important to understand what
12 data Hydro was relying upon to arrive at its proposed depreciation rates.

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14 Please provide a full response to IC-NLH-012, providing whatever data was relied
15 upon by Hydro or its consultant to arrive at its proposed depreciation rates.

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18 A. This response has been provided by Concentric Advisors (Concentric).

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20 Due to the lack of a Uniform System of Accounts across Canada, it is very difficult to
21 specifically relate Hydro's unit of property (UOP) accounts to the comparators listed
22 in the response to Hydro's response to NP-NLH-145, Attachment 2. Canadian
23 electric utility companies use different account structures with differing levels of
24 componentization. As such, the response to Hydro's response to NP-NLH-145,
25 Attachment 2 was used as one input for Concentric's life recommendations.
26 Concentric's usual practice for comparators is to list all the applicable accounts used
27 by each comparator utility. If the listed comparator accounts are not used by Hydro

1 then that comparator account is not used as an input to Concentric's
2 recommendations. Comparators are used as a reasonability check to what other
3 comparator utilities similar accounts have been approved at. If Concentric's
4 recommendation is within the range of comparators' approved life then
5 Concentric's recommendation is viewed as within the comparator range. If
6 Concentric's recommendation is outside of the comparator range, then Concentric
7 will attempt to understand why the reason or reasons for deviation. Concentric's
8 usual practice is to place more weight on historical data indications than on
9 comparator indications. However, if historical indications are insufficient, then
10 Concentric will place more emphasis on Company views and on Concentric's
11 experience. Section II of the Depreciation Study details this selection process of
12 historical results, Hydro's views, and comparator results that was used by
13 Concentric in its recommendations.

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15 Please refer to IC-NLH-158, Attachment 1, which details the Net Salvage
16 comparators that was used as input for Concentric's recommendations.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR HYDRO
SUMMARY OF NET SALVAGE ESTIMATES OF PEER CANADIAN ELECTRIC UTILITIES

DESCRIPTION	Client:	NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC.	NOVA SCOTIA POWER INC.	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES POWER CORPORATION *	
	Study date:	2014	2009	2015 Recommended	Phased In
WIND TURBINES					
WIND TURBINES			-50%	-15%	-10%
RESIDUAL HEATING SYSTEMS					
HYDRO PRODUCTION					
			-20%	-	445%
		Investment Weighted Average	-69%		
LAND AND LAND RIGHTS		0%			
STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS		-10%		-30%	-5%
RESERVOIRS, DAMS, AND WATERWAYS		-25%		-30%	-5%
WATER WHEELS, TURBINES, AND GENERATORS		-25%		-15%	-5%
ACCESSORY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT		-25%		-20%	-5%
ROADS, RAILROADS AND BRIDGES		-25%		-5%	
CANALS, PENSTOCKS, SURGE TANKS AND TAILRACES		-25%			
OTHER POWER PLANT EQUIPMENT		-25%		-10%	-8%
OTHER PRODUCTION					
STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS				-35%	-8%
DIESEL		-20%			
GAS TURBINE		-3%			
ELECTRICAL PLANT					
DIESEL		-20%	to -65%		
GAS TURBINE		-3%			
PRIME MOVERS, GENERATORS AND AUXILIARIES					
DIESEL		-20%	to -65%	-5% to -25%	-5% to -8%
GAS TURBINE		0%	to -3%		
FUEL HOLDERS					
DIESEL		-20%	to -65%	-75%	-10%
GAS TURBINE		-3%			
ACCESSORY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT				-10%	-5%
OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT		-20%		0%	0%
TRANSMISSION PLANT					
LAND AND LAND RIGHTS		0%	0%	0%	0%
SUBSTATION STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS		-15%		0%	0%
BUILDINGS					
SITE DEVELOPMENT					
SUBSTATION EQUIPMENT		-15%	-5%	-20%	-5%
TRANSFORMERS AND REGULATORS					
RELAYING AND PROTECTION EQUIPMENT					
MISCELLANEOUS					
TELECONTROL SYSTEM					
TELECONTROL LINKS					
SUPERVISORY EQUIPMENT					
FIBER OPTIC CABLE					
SYSTEM COMMUNICATION					
SCADA					
ROADS AND TRAILS			0%		
POLES, TOWERS AND FIXTURES		-35%			
WOOD					
STEEL					
INSULATORS		-35%			
TOWERS AND FIXTURES			-35%	-25%	-5%
POLES AND FIXTURES			-40%	-25%	-5%
OVERHEAD CONDUCTOR		-35%	-10%	-25%	-5%
POLES					
TOWERS					
UNDERGROUND CONDUIT			0%	0%	0%
MANHOLES					
UNDERGROUND CONDUCTOR		-25%	0%	0%	0%

DESCRIPTION	Client:	NEWFOUNDLAND POWER INC.	NOVA SCOTIA POWER INC.	NORTHWEST TERRITORIES POWER CORPORATION *	
	Study date:	2014	2009	2015 Recommended	Phased In
DISTRIBUTION PLANT					
LAND AND LAND RIGHTS			0%		
SUBSTATION STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS			-5%	0%	0%
BUILDINGS					
SITE DEVELOPMENT					
STORAGE BATTERY EQUIPMENT				0%	0%
POLES, TOWERS AND FIXTURES			-40%	-25%	-5%
WOOD POLES		-35%			
OVERHEAD TRANSFORMERS					
INSULATORS					
CONCRETE AND STEEL		-35%			
STEEL TOWERS		-35%			
OVERHEAD CONDUCTOR			-15%	-25%	-5%
PRIMARY CONDUCTOR					
SECONDARY CONDUCTOR					
FAULT INDICATORS					
SWITCHES					
BARE COPPER		-25%			
WEATHER-PROOF COPPER		-25%			
BARE ALUMINUM		-35%			
WEATHER-PROOF ALUMINUM		-35%			
AERIAL CABLE		-25%			
DUPLEX, TRIPLEX, AND QUADRUPLX		-35%			
UNDERGROUND CONDUIT			0%	0%	0%
TRANSFORMER PADS					
PULL BOXES					
MANHOLES		-10%			
UNDERGROUND CONDUCTOR		-10%		0%	0%
PRIMARY CABLE					
SECONDARY CABLE					
SWITCHES		-10%			
SPECIAL INSULATED COPPER CABLE		-25%			
SUBSTATION EQUIPMENT					
LINE TRANSFORMERS		-2%			
TRANSFORMERS - OVERHEAD					
TRANSFORMERS - PADMOUNT					
TRANSFORMERS - MINIPAD					
TRANSFORMERS - SUBSTATIONS					
SWITCHGEAR					
STRUCTURES					
PROTECTION					
SCADA			0%		
AMR					
AMR - SKID INFRASTRUCTURE					
VOLTAGE REGULATORS		-2%			
CAPACITOR BANKS		-2%			
RECLOSERS		-2%			
CAPACITORS AND REGULATORS					
STREET LIGHTING AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS		-10%	-30%	-20%	-5%
SENTINEL LIGHTS					
TELECONTROL LINKS					
SUPERVISORY EQUIPMENT					
STREET LIGHT POLES					
SERVICES			-75%	-10%	-5%
OVERHEAD					
UNDERGROUND					
METERS			0%	0%	0%
AMI					
AMR					
WATT-HOUR		-5%			
DEMAND		-5%			
INSTRUMENT TRANSFORMERS		-5%			
METERING TANKS		-5%			
INSTALLATIONS ON CUSTOMER PREMISES				0%	0%

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	Study date:	<u>2014</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2015</u> Recommended	Phased In
GENERAL PLANT					
STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS			-5%		
LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS					
HOUSES					
FRAME AND IRON					
MASONRY					
GENERAL					
SCADA					
BUILDINGS					
LARGE		0%		15%	15%
SMALL		-10%		5%	5%
OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT		0%	0%	10%	10%
COMPUTERS					
FURNITURE					
EQUIPMENT					
COMPUTER HARDWARE			0%		
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT			10%	10%	5%
OTHER		15%			
CARS					
LIGHT TRUCKS		15%			
MEDIUM TRUCKS		5%			
HEAVY TRUCKS		5%			
TRAILERS					
HEAVY EQUIPMENT					
SNOWMOBILES AND ATV'S					
STORES EQUIPMENT		0%	0%	0%	0%
TOOLS AND WORK EQUIPMENT		0%	0%	0%	0%
METER READERS					
LABORATORY EQUIPMENT		0%	0%	0%	0%
HEAVY WORK EQUIPMENT					
POWER OPERATED EQUIPMENT				15%	15%
COMMUNICATION STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT			0%	10%	10%
RADIO		0%			
MOBILE		0%			
BASE STATIONS					
RADIO SITES - ROADS		0%			
RADIO SITES - BUILDINGS		-5%			
COMMUNICATION CABLES		-5%			
SCADA		-1%			
TELEPHONE		0%			
POWER LINE CARRIER			0%		
TEST EQUIPMENT		0%			
COMPUTER SYSTEMS					
SOFTWARE		0%	0%	0%	0%
HARDWARE		0%		0%	0%
ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE					
INFORMATION SYSTEMS					
SAP					
MAJOR APPLICATIONS					
LOAD SETTLEMENT SOFTWARE					
MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT		0%	0%	0%	0%
ENVIRONMENT					
ENGINEERING		0%			
OTHER TANGIBLE PLANT					

* Concentric Advisors Recommendations; however, a phased in Net Salvage has been utilized