

1 **Q. Have there been any time-of-use rates pilots or studies completed by Newfoundland**
2 **Power? If so, please describe, and indicate what hours are considered peak, mid-**
3 **peak, and off-peak.**
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5 A. Yes. Newfoundland Power conducted a 2-year study of time-of-use rates from December
6 2011 to November 2013.
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8 Study participants were placed on a time-of-use rate during the winter months (i.e.
9 December through March).¹ Participants were charged higher rates during 2 peak periods
10 each weekday: (i) a morning peak that occurs between 8:00am and 12:00pm; and (ii) an
11 evening peak that occurs between 4:00pm and 8:00pm. A lower rate was applied during
12 all other times. The pricing periods were chosen based on the marginal cost of energy
13 prior to the Island Interconnected System being interconnected to either Nova Scotia or
14 Labrador. What might be considered appropriate peak, mid-peak and off-peak periods
15 following these interconnections was not included in the study.²
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17 A copy of the results of the study is provided in response to Information Request
18 PUB-NP-029.

¹ The study rates were based on the Marginal Cost Study conducted as part of the Retail Rate Review completed in 2010. Because the Marginal Cost Study showed cost differences only in the winter, time-of-use rates were applied only during winter months.

² A review of marginal costs on the Island Interconnected System is currently before the Board. Hydro filed an updated Marginal Cost Study with the Board on November 15, 2018.