

NLH-LAB-009. Is it recommended that a selection process be established to determine which cryptocurrency customers should be served in Labrador similar to the selection process approved for cryptocurrency customers in Quebec? If not, what process is recommended for selection of cryptocurrency customers to serve in Labrador?

RESPONSE:

Mr. Raphals states:

My reports do not make such a recommendation. My recommendation on page 68 stated:

The Board should undertake, on its own initiative, an examination of whether it can and should create a distinct rate class for cryptocurrency mining in Labrador, and, if so, what constraints should be imposed on services offered to that rate class.

Before determining if a block of electricity should be set aside for cryptocurrency customers in Labrador, I recommend that the Board first:

- (a) establish a distinct rate class for these customers;
- (b) determine what constraints, obligations (such as payment of connection costs) and curtailment obligations should apply to this class;
- (c) determine whether or not these constraints and obligations should apply to existing cryptocurrency customers; and
- (d) evaluate the impacts, under these conditions, of different levels of cryptocurrency consumption in Labrador on consumers there and on the Island.

(Steps b, c and d might need to be explored with several iterations.)

If after this process the Board were to conclude that it is in the public interest to set aside an additional block of electricity for cryptocurrency consumption in Labrador, it would then be appropriate to consider the type of selection process that would be most appropriate.