

1 Q. **Reference: 2020 Capital Project's Overview/Introduction**

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3 Hydro makes reference to "the continued load growth on the Avalon Peninsula" and
4 considerations of the impact of forecast increases in electricity rates for Customers. On what
5 basis has Hydro concluded there would be load growth on the Avalon Peninsula and has Hydro
6 discussed such load growth with Newfoundland Power and please provide specifics as to the
7 load growth estimates Hydro is predicting on the Avalon Peninsula and the basis for these
8 conclusions?

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11 A. None of the projects in Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") 2020 Capital Budget
12 Application are driven by Avalon load growth. The reference to continued load growth for the
13 Avalon Peninsula as a key driver of investment in Hydro's current capital plan was continued
14 over from previous years' Capital Budget Applications and is not applicable to this Capital
15 Budget Application.