

1 Q. **Reference: Midgard Consulting *Southern Labrador Communities – Integrated Resource Plan,***  
2 **March 28, 2023, Page 35, Table 7 and Figure 3.**

3 While not anticipated at this time, how could a potential closure of the fish processing facilities  
4 in Mary’s Harbour and Charlottetown during the 25-year evaluation period affect Midgard’s  
5 recommendation for long-term supply for southern Labrador? For example, if one or more of  
6 the fish processing facilities were to close, would another alternative be considered the least  
7 cost alternative?

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10 A. *This response has been provided by Midgard Consulting Inc. (“Midgard”).*

11 Midgard does not consider it prudent to plan based on speculative future outcomes, and  
12 Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro is mandated to serve existing loads or loads that are  
13 reasonably expected to exist into the future. Future unknown additions or closures would not  
14 affect Midgard’s recommended solution which is needed to serve known load today.

15 That notwithstanding, Midgard did consider potential changes in load as part of its sensitivity  
16 analysis within the “Southern Labrador Communities - Integrated Resource Plan,”<sup>1</sup> filed with the  
17 Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities on March 31, 2023.<sup>2</sup> Please refer to Midgard’s  
18 response to NP-NLH-065 of this proceeding for further discussion.

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<sup>1</sup> “Southern Labrador Communities - Integrated Resource Plan,” Midgard Consulting Inc., March 28, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> “Long-Term Supply of Southern Labrador – Phase 1 – Midgard Consulting Inc. Report,” Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, March 31, 2023, att. 1.