

1 Q. **Reference: LAB-NLH-006 (b)**

2 Citation 1:

3 Q. Please describes the benefits, if any, for Labrador ratepayers and for
4 Labrador society in general, of having surplus Recapture Energy consumed by
5 cryptocurrency miners in Labrador, under the proposed non-firm rate, and
6 exporting the power.

7 R. Hydro has not conducted a review of societal benefits of selling surplus
8 energy to cryptocurrency customers on a non-firm basis. Whether there are
9 benefits to Labrador ratepayers of selling surplus energy to cryptocurrency
10 customers on a non-firm basis would depend on the allocation approach
11 approved for disposition of future Labrador Interconnected System non-firm
12 revenues. Please refer to Hydro's response to PUB-NLH-004 of this proceeding
13 with respect to Hydro's position on the approach to disposition of non-firm
14 revenues on the Labrador Interconnected System.

15 Citation 2 (Presentation, p. 5):

16 Objective: To provide non-firm service on the LIS without requiring capital
17 investments on common grid so that the provision such service could: (i) enable
18 use of surplus Recapture Energy in Labrador, but (ii) would not negatively
19 impact existing customers in the delivery of service and the cost of firm service.

20 **a)** Please describes the economic benefits, if any, for Labrador ratepayers of having surplus
21 Recapture Energy consumed by cryptocurrency miners in Labrador under the proposed non-
22 firm rate, as opposed to exporting the power.

23 **b)** Please confirm that provision of non-firm service as proposed would not positively impact
24 existing customers.

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27 A. **a)** Please refer to Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") response to part e) of
28 LAB-NLH-012 of this proceeding.

29 **b)** The provision of non-firm service would not positively or negatively impact the rates of
30 existing customers on the Labrador Interconnected System. It is possible that, on occasion,
31 the implementation of the Labrador Interconnected System non-firm rate could negatively

- 1 impact the availability of surplus interruptible load to Labrador Industrial customers as
- 2 referenced in Hydro's response to LAB-NLH-008 of this proceeding.