

1 Q. Hydro states that it is not requesting that the load restriction be lifted in its entirety. Please
2 explain the circumstances under which Hydro would ask Regulation 17 to be removed.

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5 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) confirms that it is not requesting that the load
6 restriction be lifted in its entirety.

7 In Labrador East, the proposed applications will utilize the majority of the available additional
8 capacity. Close monitoring of the system will need to continue to ensure the ongoing customer
9 additions do not impact delivery of reliable service.

10 Growth and variations in the load forecast for Labrador West are driven primarily by Industrial
11 customers. Accommodating industrial load growth in this region will require additional
12 investment and current indications from existing industrial customers are of significant increases
13 in load. Hydro is working closely with these industrial customers and operating under its
14 *Network Additions Policy* to perform the necessary studies to better understand the impact of
15 these requests on the system.

16 Hydro believes that once there is reduced concern regarding capacity and generation
17 constraints it will be feasible to remove the regulation.