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Q. Reference: "2025/2026 General Rate Application," Newfoundland Power Inc., December 12, 2023, vol. 2, Reports, "Labour Forecast 2024–2026," p. 1, f.n. 3. Are there any administrative, overhead, or additional costs associated with rechargeable and recoverable items including material handling, vehicle service, inter-affiliate labour charges, customer jobbing, and third-party services? Please provide the percentages and calculations of the costs. What portion of these costs are recovered in rates?

A. Newfoundland Power applies a payroll loading, or overhead rate, to all of its applicable labour costs, which would include all rechargeable and recoverable ("R&R") items. R&R labour in the 2024 to 2026 labour forecast is based upon the estimated workforce requirements using historical information and does not include a specific breakdown of the overhead calculation. As such, the requested information cannot be provided. See the response to Request for Information NLH-NP-095 for additional information on payroll loading.

The capital and R&R labour figures provided in the Labour Forecast 2024-2026 Report for the 2024 to 2026 forecast are not used to calculate the Company's 2025 and 2026 test year revenue requirements. Test year revenue requirements for 2025 and 2026 are based on the Company's 2024 Capital Budget Application approved by the Board in Order No. P.U. 2 (2024).

R&R labour includes labour associated with retirement of plant, which is based on the Company's capital expenditure forecast. It also includes labour recovered through direct billings and not through customer rates. Therefore, these labour amounts are not included in revenue requirement calculations.