- Q. Further to the response to NLH-NP-077, does the peak demand forecast for 2026 reflect the new Memorial University boiler load as being interruptible/curtailable?

 If yes, please describe the compensation provided to Memorial University for making this load interruptible and explain how this compensation is reflected in the 2026 Test Year forecast. If no, what is the impact of this new load on the annual peak demand forecast for Newfoundland Power?

 A. The peak demand forecast for 2026 reflects additional load that will be expected at
 - A. The peak demand forecast for 2026 reflects additional load that will be expected at Memorial University due to the planned electric boiler project. Newfoundland Power expects that when system reserves are sufficient, Memorial University will utilize its electric boilers. Unless system reserves are insufficient, Memorial University's electric boiler load is expected to contribute to system peak on the Island Interconnected System.

Newfoundland Power intends to enter into a capacity assistance agreement with Memorial University, in consultation with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro"). The capacity assistance agreement would permit Memorial University to be called upon when required to curtail its electric boilers. Similar to Newfoundland Power's existing curtailable customers and Hydro's customers with capacity assistance agreements, Memorial University's curtailable electric boiler load is planned to be included in Hydro's *Operating Reserves* procedure to maintain sufficient reserves on the Island Interconnected System. ¹

Since a capacity assistance agreement has not yet been established with Memorial University, compensation related to the capacity assistance agreement has not been determined. As a result, costs associated with the capacity assistance agreement are not included in the 2025/2026 General Rate Application.

Newfoundland Power plans to file an application with the Board in advance of the 2025-2026 winter season for approval of a capacity assistance agreement with Memorial University.²

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Hydro's *Operating Reserves (BA-P-012)* procedure includes a dispatch sequence which details the utilization of generation resources on the Island Interconnected System as well as curtailable load.

Memorial University's electric boiler project is expected to be substantially complete by August 2025. See response to Request for Information CA-NP-103 for additional details.