Q. Explain the "Firming Up Charge" and its purpose referred to on Schedule 1.4
 of Mr. Brickhill's Prefiled Testimony.

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A. The firming up charge is a fee, applied to energy that is supplied by Corner
Brook Pulp & Paper (Deer Lake Power) to Newfoundland Power. Corner
Brook Pulp & Paper supplies secondary energy, which Hydro "firms up", i.e.
makes available as though it is firm. Newfoundland Power is then charged
both the amount due to Deer Lake Power, and the firming up charge, as
approved by the Board.