

1 Q. Are there any time-of-use rates being implemented currently by Newfoundland
2 Hydro? If so, please indicate what hours are considered peak, mid-peak, and off-
3 peak, and provide all information on rate differentials in existence across different
4 peak, mid-peak and off-peak hours.

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7 A. Hydro applies the approved Newfoundland Power rates to the Hydro Rural
8 customers on the Island Interconnected System and L'Anse au Loup System. The
9 current Newfoundland Power rate designs applied by Hydro in billing include
10 seasonal demand charges for general service customers and an optional seasonal
11 rate for Domestic Customers. There are no time-of-use rates currently in effect or in
12 the process of being developed for retail customers on the Island Interconnected
13 System.

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15 On the Island Interconnected System, Hydro designs electricity rates for Island
16 Industrial Customers and Newfoundland Power. Hydro has begun discussions with
17 Island Industrial Customers and Newfoundland Power with respect to revised rate
18 designs to be implemented upon full commissioning of the Muskrat Falls Project.
19 Time of use attributes will be considered in this review.

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21 For Hydro's Isolated Systems, there are three customer groups in the isolated
22 systems:

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(i) Rural Domestic Customers, excluding Government Departments;

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(ii) Rural General Service Customers, excluding Government Departments; and

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(iii) Government Departments.

1 Hydro's rates for Rural Domestic Customers, excluding Government departments,
2 are the same as Newfoundland Power's customer rates for the basic customer
3 charge and first block consumption (lifeline consumption).¹ There are currently no
4 time-of-use rates in effect or in the process of being developed for Hydro Rural
5 customers currently being billed on diesel system rates.

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7 There are also currently no time-of-use rates in effect or in the process of being
8 developed for Hydro Rural Customers on the Labrador Interconnected System.

9 Hydro will be working with the Labrador Industrial Customers on the development
10 of a seasonal charge in the transmission demand rate, to be considered in the next
11 general rate application.

¹ The lifeline block is designed to provide Domestic Customers with access to electricity at non-discriminatory prices for essential services. Essential services include most electrical appliances and hot water heating, but not electric heat.