

1 Q. **Re: cryptocurrency customers**

2 a) Please comment on Hydro's working assumptions regarding the type, source and cost of
3 additional energy resources for Labrador, once the Recall Block is fully utilized.

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6 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro's ("Hydro") assumptions and practices regarding resource
7 requirements and additions are the subject of a separate regulatory proceeding that is
8 addressing Hydro's Reliability and Resource Adequacy Study.

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10 In that proceeding, Hydro has proposed the adoption of the Newfoundland and Labrador
11 Interconnected System and resource planning on a provincial basis. Implementing criteria and
12 dispatching resources on this basis will result in the optimization of provincial generating
13 resources, as well as least-cost provincial resource planning. Planning for both capacity and
14 energy on a provincial basis will ensure that the resultant system meets the required level of
15 reliability at the lowest total system cost. As such, when additional resources are required
16 provincially in the future, the least-cost option which satisfies established reliability
17 requirements will be selected and proposed through a regulatory application. The type, source
18 and cost of resource options available to Hydro are detailed in Hydro's Reliability and Resource
19 Adequacy Study.