

1 Q. Please confirm that Hydro is not proposing a separate rate class for cryptocurrency customers
2 and provide the reasons for not doing so.

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5 A. Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (“Hydro”) confirms that it is not proposing a separate rate
6 class for cryptocurrency customers.

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8 In Hydro’s response to PUB-NLH-098, Hydro notes that the Hydro Rural rate classes on the
9 Labrador Interconnected System are based on the customers’ annual peak demand
10 requirements. The General Service rate used in billing cryptocurrency customers depends on
11 their maximum annual peak demand. Hydro believes that this is a fair approach as it is designed
12 to recover costs which reflect the load requirements of the customer within each class. Under
13 Hydro’s rate design, a cryptocurrency customer would be billed the same charges as any other
14 customer with the same load requirements. Hydro does not see any reason from a cost of
15 service perspective that would indicate that a separate rate design is appropriate for
16 cryptocurrency customers.