

1 Q. Black Tickle Diesel Plant: Hydro has estimated the loss of load attributable to the
2 closing of the Black Tickle fish plant. Please describe to what extent Hydro also
3 estimated further reductions due to people leaving the community and whether
4 people leaving the community resulted in further load reductions.

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7 A. Hydro's estimate of the loss of load attributable to the closing of the Black Tickle
8 fish plant reflected a change in the forecast energy requirements for the domestic
9 customer class. Hydro anticipated that in the period of time following the closure of
10 the fish plant, domestic customer energy requirements would be lower when
11 compared to the existing continued fish plant operation load forecast. Lower
12 energy requirements are expected as a result of reduced employment and income
13 within the community linked to the closure of the fish plant. Reduced domestic
14 energy requirements would be expected to result in reduced peak demand
15 requirements.

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17 Please note that Hydro tracks the number of domestic customers and the energy
18 requirements of these customers but has limited information with respect to the
19 number of people within the community with the exception of available census
20 population counts that are published by Statistics Canada every five years. Census
21 population figures were last published by Statistics Canada for 2011. Hydro is not
22 able to confirm if the closure of the plant resulted in any residents leaving the
23 community but has observed that customer records indicate one less domestic
24 customer at the end of 2014 than prior to the closure of the fish plant.