

Q. Page 14 2015 Capital Plan you indicate that “the number of new customers connections is forecast to decrease ...by 7.3% “ (2015-2019) Please provide the basis for this projection and a regional breakdown of this 7.3% on the Island.

A. The forecast reduction in new customer connections is based primarily on a forecast 21% decline in housing starts between 2015 and 2019 as indicated by the forecasts of the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Conference Board of Canada.

Table 1 provides a regional breakdown of the % change in new Newfoundland Power customer connections from 2015 to 2019.

Table 1
Forecast % Change in new Customer
Connections
2015 – 2019

Region	% Change
St. John’s Region	-13.4%
Eastern Region	2.2%
Western Region	-5.8%
Total Company	-7.3%