

1 Q. (February 19, 2016 Report to Board “*Purchase 12 MW of Diesel Generation*
2 *(Revised) Holyrood*”) On page 11, line 8 it is stated “*Hydro continues to see strong*
3 *load growth*”. On page 3, lines 5 to 6, Hydro states “*It is noted that the projected*
4 *rate of load growth is significantly reduced from what has been experienced in*
5 *recent years.*” Which is it? Please provide a comparison of the load forecasts used in
6 the November 22, 2015 application (since withdrawn) versus the forecast used in
7 the current application.

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10 A. The statement on lines 5 to 6 of page 3 of the current report reflects the *forecast*
11 load growth relative to the recent historical period depicted in Figure 1. The load
12 forecasts used in the November 22, 2015 application and the forecast used in the
13 current application are the same. The statement on line 8 of page 11 of the current
14 report reflects the *actual* loads observed on the Island Interconnected and Avalon
15 systems from the period of 2010 through December 31, 2015. These are the loads
16 depicted in Figure 1 on page 3 and which Hydro considers to be reflective of strong
17 load growth.