

1 Q. Consumer Question: A moratorium on small hydro has been in place since 1998.
2 The power from these sites could be used to reduce fuel burned at Holyrood. When
3 will the moratorium on small scale hydro developments be lifted? How much MW
4 of power does Nalcor estimate that these small scale hydro projects could provide -
5 using small hydro sites (less than 25 MW) those which have the storage capacity to
6 enable hydro projection from January to march period - to reduce the peak load
7 requirements to reduce oil consumption at Holyrood?

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10 A. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has indicated its intent to
11 maintain the moratorium on small hydro developments, subject to a review
12 concurrent with a decision on proceeding with the Lower Churchill Project.¹

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14 Nalcor has included projects with storage, or projects capable of using existing
15 large-scale storage within the Island system in its Isolated Island generation
16 expansion plan. These include Portland Creek, Island Pond, and Round Pond, with
17 capacities of 23, 36, and 18 MW respectively, for a total capacity of 77 MW.

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19 Other feasible small hydro projects with storage have not been identified.

¹ *Energy Plan*, page 34