

1 Q. Consumer Question: Can NALCOR provide commentary regarding how the  
2 transition to a customer base increasingly dominated by home heating  
3 requirements may affect this hourly demand profile.  
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6 A. The transition to a customer base increasingly dominated by home heating  
7 requirements would not greatly affect this hourly demand profile. The current  
8 domestic customer base is 61 percent electric heat, assumed to go to 75 to 80  
9 percent electric heat. Therefore, the effects of domestic customers using electric  
10 heat are already in the hourly demand profile.  
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12 Moreover, the effects on demand and energy requirements of the addition of these  
13 electric heat customers are included in the load forecast. It should be noted that  
14 even if the hourly demand profile changes slightly, the forecasted peak demand,  
15 driving capacity additions, and the forecasted energy requirements, driving total  
16 fuel and energy purchase costs, are still accounted for in the *Strategist* generation  
17 expansion model.