

1 Q. Has Nalcor relied solely on PIRA to provide it with thermal fuel oil price forecasts for
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4 a) its CPW Analysis of the Isolated Island and Interconnected
5 alternatives;

6 b) its decision to proceed through DG-2.

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9 A. NL Hydro has used PIRA since 1999 for its fuel price forecasts for No. 6 fuel oil and
10 diesel fuel. These forecasts are used to develop reference thermal fuel price
11 forecasts for delivered fuel to the Avalon Peninsula. The thermal fuel price forecasts
12 based on PIRA's inputs have been used for setting fuel price riders, setting base
13 electricity rates and for longer term system planning purposes for the Island
14 system. For its CPW analysis of the Isolated Island and Interconnected alternatives
15 and its decision to proceed through DG-2, Nalcor has continued to rely on PIRA for
16 providing the fuel price inputs for preparing its reference thermal fuel price
17 forecasts.