

1 Q. In reference to Table 20, pg. 51 of the Submission and pg. 26 of Exhibit 27, please
2 provide an explanation as to the factors causing the growth in the Island load
3 forecast in the years 2021-2023.

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6 A. The factors that cause the forecasted increase in load growth during this period are
7 relatively higher forecasted growth rates in key economic indicators, particularly
8 Gross Domestic Product and Personal Disposable Income. These are shown on
9 Exhibit 27, Page 25.

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11 For the period between 2021 and 2023 these factors combined to result in a minor
12 increase in utility demand relative to the underlying trend.