

Undertaking 44 Rev 1 – Test Year Load Normalization Scenario

- i) For purposes of illustrating the impact of normalizing the 2015 Test Year allocations to account for future Island Industrial Customer (IIC) load growth, the 2015 Test Year demand and energy allocators were recalculated using the 2017 load forecast (i.e. 2017 forecast). The detailed calculations are provided in Attachments 1 and 2 to this undertaking.

Table 1 provides a comparison of revenue allocation and unit costs for each customer group on the Island Interconnected System for demand for the 2015 Test Year. Table 2 provides the same information for energy.

Table 1: Calculation of 2015 Test Year Demand Revenue Requirement Unit Cost (\$000s)

	2015 Test Year Proposed			2015 Test Year Normalized ¹			Difference ²		
	Revenue Requirement	Billing Units (kW)	Unit Cost (\$/kW)	Revenue Requirement	Billing Units (kW)	Unit Cost (\$/kW)	Revenue Requirement	Unit Cost (\$/kW)	Unit Cost (%)
IIC	8,920	1,064,800	8.38	11,660	1,064,800	10.95	2,740	2.57	30.7%
NP	153,911	15,122,049	10.18	152,204	15,122,049	10.07	(1,706)	(0.11)	-1.1%
Rural	11,006	415,225	26.51	9,972	415,225	24.02	(1,033)	(2.49)	-9.4%
Total	173,837	16,602,074		173,837	16,602,074		0		

¹ Normalized using 2017 forecast demand.

² 2015 Test Year billing units same in each scenario.

From a demand cost perspective, IIC have a higher load factor than Newfoundland Power (NP) and a lower coincidence during peak periods. As a result, their unit demand cost is generally lower than that of NP. Table 1 shows that under the normalized approach the unit demand cost is materially higher for IIC than NP.

Table 2: Calculation of 2015 Test Year Energy Revenue Requirement Unit Cost (\$000s)

	2015 Test Year Proposed			2015 Test Year Normalized ¹			Difference ²		
	Revenue Requirement	Billing Units (MWh)	Unit Cost (cents/kWh)	Revenue Requirement	Billing Units (MWh)	Unit Cost (cents/kWh)	Revenue Requirement	Unit Cost (cents/kWh)	Unit Cost (%)
IIC	32,010	621,400	5.151	42,877	621,400	6.900	10,867	1.75	33.9%
NP	305,415	5,924,100	5.155	297,299	5,924,100	5.018	(8,116)	(0.14)	-2.7%
Rural	24,325	425,409	5.718	21,574	425,409	5.071	(2,751)	(0.65)	-11.3%
Total	361,750	6,970,909		361,750	6,970,909		0		

¹ Normalized using 2017 forecast energy.

² 2015 Test Year billing units same in each scenario.

From an energy cost perspective, the average energy unit cost is generally approximately the same for NP and IIC. Table 2 shows that under the normalized test year, the proposed energy charge would be approximately 30% higher for IIC.

The analysis indicates that normalization to reflect higher future loads in the allocation of the 2015 Test Year revenue requirement will result in reflecting the future cost of serving IIC load in current rates. Allocation of a higher proportion of costs to IIC based on the 2017 forecast will have the effect of materially increasing the rates to be charged IIC and result in over-recovering the cost of serving IIC in both the test year and in future years.

- ii). Table 3 provides the forecast demand revenue for the IIC for 2015, 2016 and 2017 using the unit demand cost. Table 4 provides the forecast energy revenue for the IIC for 2015, 2016 and 2017 using the unit energy cost and including the impact of the RSP load variation. The forecasted revenues for NP and Rural can not be provided without the completion of detailed rate design as their rates are not calculated based on unit costs.

Table 3: Forecast IIC Demand Revenue using 2015 Test Year Unit Cost versus Normalized Unit Cost (\$000s)

Line No		2015	2016	2017
		Test Year	Forecast	Forecast
		A	B	C
1	Using 2015 Test Year Proposed Unit Cost	8,920	10,112	11,649
2	Using 2015 Test Year Normalized Unit Cost	11,660	13,218	15,227
3	Difference	2,740	3,106	3,578
4	Difference (%)	30.7%	30.7%	30.7%
5	Billing Determinants (kW)	1,064,800	1,207,100	1,390,600

Table 4: Forecast IIC Energy Revenue using 2015 Test Year Unit Cost versus Normalized Unit Cost (\$000s)

Line No	2015 Test Year A	2016 Forecast B	2017 Forecast C
IIC Energy Revenue before RSP Impact			
1	Using 2015 Proposed Unit Cost (@5.151 cents/kWh)	32,010	40,072
2	Using 2015 Normalized Unit Cost (@6.900 cents/kWh)	42,877	53,676
3	Difference	10,867	15,276
4	Billing Units (MWh)	621,400	777,900
IIC Energy Revenue including RSP Impact¹			
5	Using 2015 Proposed Unit Cost (@5.151 cents/kWh)	42,129	48,071
6	Using 2015 Normalized Unit Cost (@6.900 cents/kWh)	55,459	62,906
7	Difference	13,330	14,835
Unit Cost Including RSP Impact (cents/kWh)			
8	Using 2015 Proposed Unit Cost (@5.151 cents/kWh)	5.151	5.416
9	Using 2015 Normalized Unit Cost (@6.900 cents/kWh)	6.900	7.129
10	Difference	1.749	1.698

¹ RSP Impact:

RSP (2015 Test Year billing rate)

IC Load Variation vs Test Year (MWh)	156,500	252,100
IC Load Variation vs Test Year (\$000s)	15,999	25,772
NP Load Variation vs Test Year (MWh)	121,800	132,500
NP Load Variation vs Test Year (\$000s)	4,570	4,971
Total Load Variation (\$000s)	20,569	30,743
IC Allocation (10%)	2,057	3,074
NP Allocation (90%)	18,512	27,669

RSP (2015 Test Year normalized billing rate)

IC Load Variation vs Test Year (MWh)	156,500	252,100
IC Load Variation vs Test Year (\$000s)	13,262	21,363
NP Load Variation vs Test Year (MWh)	121,800	132,500
NP Load Variation vs Test Year (\$000s)	4,570	4,971
Total Load Variation (\$000s)	17,832	26,334
IC Allocation (10%)	1,783	2,633
NP Allocation (90%)	16,048	23,701

- iii) The 2013 Test Year did not reflect Vale and Praxair being high load factor customers. The adjustment made in the original response to IC-NLH-140 adjusted the IIC peak demand downward without changing the energy requirements to reflect a high load factor for IIC in the 2013 Test Year. The 2013 Test Year adjustment did not use customer demand requirements from future years in determining the normalized test year as have been requested in this undertaking.
- iv) Table 5 provides a comparison of the revenue allocation, the unit demand charge, the unit energy charge and the total revenue for each of the Island Interconnected customer classes for the 2013 Test Year amounts to those determined in IC-NLH-140 (original response).

Table 5: 2013 Test Year Demand and Energy Revenue Requirement

2013 Test Year - As Filed	Demand (\$)	Energy (\$)	Demand (kW)	Energy (MWh)	Demand (\$/kW)	Energy (cents/kWh)
Island Interconnected						
Newfoundland Power	127,044,995	267,676,715	13,929,036	5,594,300	9.12	4.785
Industrial - Firm	7,631,172	19,529,103	835,400	408,400	9.13	4.782
Rural	10,254,110	21,745,108	458,905	409,787	22.34	5.306
Total Island Interconnected	144,930,277	308,950,927	15,223,341	6,412,487		
2013 Test Year - IC 140	Demand (\$)	Energy (\$)	Demand (kW)	Energy (MWh)	Demand (\$/kW)	Energy (cents/kWh)
Island Interconnected						
Newfoundland Power	128,239,125	267,675,647	13,929,036	5,594,300	9.21	4.785
Industrial - Firm	6,342,598	19,529,759	835,400	408,400	7.59	4.782
Rural	10,350,311	21,744,610	458,905	409,787	22.55	5.306
Total Island Interconnected	144,932,033	308,950,015	15,223,341	6,412,487		
Difference	Demand (\$)	Energy (\$)	Demand (kW)	Energy (MWh)	Demand (\$/kW)	Energy (cents/kWh)
Island Interconnected						
Newfoundland Power	1,194,129	(1,068)	0	0	0.09	(0.00)
Industrial - Firm	(1,288,574)	655	0	0	(1.54)	0.00
Rural	96,201	(498)	(0)	0	0.21	(0.00)
Total Island Interconnected	1,757	(911)	(0)	0		

Attachment 1 - Allocation of 2015 Test Year Demand Revenue Requirement

Line No	Basis of Allocation - Demand	2015 Test Year				2015 Normalized for 2017 Forecast			
		Production Demand		Transmission Demand		Production Demand		Transmission Demand	
		(1 CP kW)	% of Total	(CP kW)	% of Total	(1 CP kW)	% of Total	(CP kW)	% of Total
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Amounts									
1	Newfoundland Power	1,296,985	88.6%	1,288,081	88.9%	1,281,284	87.5%	1,272,919	87.8%
2	Industrial - Firm	75,597	5.2%	73,040	5.0%	98,635	6.7%	95,299	6.6%
3	Rural	91,636	6.3%	88,537	6.1%	84,290	5.8%	81,439	5.6%
4	Total	1,464,218		1,449,658		1,464,209		1,449,658	
Total Allocated Demand Revenue Requirement									
5	Newfoundland Power	126,280,957	88.5%	27,629,848	88.8%	124,880,880	87.5%	27,331,925	87.8%
6	Industrial - Firm	7,354,554	5.2%	1,565,473	5.0%	9,613,474	6.7%	2,046,251	6.6%
8	Rural	9,074,169	6.4%	1,931,507	6.2%	8,215,326	5.8%	1,748,652	5.6%
8	Total	142,709,680		31,126,828		142,709,680		31,126,828	
9	IC Allocated Demand Revenue Requirement (\$)	8,920,028				11,659,726			
10	2015 IC Demand Billing Units (kW)	1,064,800				1,064,800			
11	IC Unit Demand Cost (\$/kW)	\$8.38				\$10.95			
12	NP Allocated Demand Revenue Requirement (\$)	153,910,805				152,212,805			
13	2015 NP Demand Billing Units (kW)	15,122,049				15,122,049			
14	NP Unit Demand Cost (\$/kW)	\$10.18				\$10.07			
15	Rural Allocated Demand Revenue Requirement (\$)	11,005,676				9,963,978			
16	2015 Rural Demand Billing Units (kW)	415,225				415,225			
17	Rural Unit Demand Cost (\$/kW)	\$26.51				\$24.00			
18	Total Allocated Demand Revenue Requirement (\$)	173,836,508				173,836,508			
19	Total Demand Billing Units (kW)	16,602,074				16,602,074			

Attachment 2 - Allocation of 2015 Test Year Energy Revenue Requirement

Line No	Basis of Allocation - Energy	2015 Test Year		2015 Normalized for 2017 Forecast	
		(MWh @ Gen)	% of Total	(MWh @ Gen)	% of Total
	Amounts	A	B	C	D
1	Newfoundland Power	6,118,065	84.5%	5,914,939	81.7%
2	Industrial - Firm	641,746	8.9%	853,069	11.8%
3	Rural	479,089	6.6%	470,892	6.5%
4	Total	7,238,900		7,238,900	
Total Energy Revenue Requirement					
5	Newfoundland Power	305,414,747	84.4%	295,587,618	81.7%
6	Industrial - Firm	32,010,206	8.8%	42,630,483	11.8%
7	Rural	24,325,073	6.7%	23,531,924	6.5%
8	Total 2015 Test Year	361,750,026		361,750,026	
9	2015 IC Energy Billing Units (MWh)	621,400		621,400	
10	IC Unit Energy Cost (¢/kWh)	5.151		6.860	
11	2015 NP Energy Billing Units (MWh)	5,924,100		5,924,100	
12	NP Unit Energy Cost (¢/kWh)	5.155		4.990	
13	2015 Rural Energy Billing Units (MWh)	425,409		425,409	
14	Rural Unit Energy Cost (¢/kWh)	5.718		5.532	