

1 Q. When was Hydro's forecast for Wabush completed? Does the forecast take into
2 account recent developments such as the mine closure? What impact does the
3 mine closure have on the need for this project?

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6 A. The 2014 load forecast for the Wabush system was completed in May 2014. The
7 Wabush forecast does take into account recent developments in the area including
8 the idling of Wabush Mines and the Alderon Kami project. With the idling of the
9 Wabush Mines facility, Hydro took a more conservative view of customer growth in
10 the community of Wabush than if Wabush Mines remained in operation.

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12 The idling of Wabush Mines does not impact the need for this project as the Town
13 of Wabush continues to experience both residential and commercial customer
14 growth associated with regional economic activity in western Labrador.