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3 **Q. Is NP aware of how other Canadian Utilities use estimates as regards housing starts**
4 **from CMHC and the Conference Board of Canada for the purposes of preparing**
5 **customer and energy forecasts? If known, please comment as to whether these**
6 **utilities employ an averaging of the two estimates or whether they are weighted**
7 **differently in producing the estimated number of housing starts relied upon by the**
8 **utility in question.**

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10 A. Newfoundland Power is not aware of how other Canadian Utilities use estimates of
11 housing starts or if they use housing starts from the CMHC and the Conference Board of
12 Canada for the purposes of preparing customer and energy forecasts.