

1 **Volume 2, Tab 8 – Customer, Energy and Demand Forecast**  
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3 **Q. Please provide the percentage of households on the island of Newfoundland that use**  
4 **electricity for space heating, and the similar percentages for other provinces, for the**  
5 **years 2000 through 2006. Does the Company expect the percentage of**  
6 **Newfoundland households that use electricity for space heating to rise, fall, or stay**  
7 **about the same as the most recently available figure over the next 5 years? Please**  
8 **explain the answer if it is other than “stay about the same”.**  
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10 **A.** Table 1 provides the percentage of households that rely on electricity for space heating by  
11 province for the years 2000 to 2005. Information for 2006 is not yet available.  
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**Table 1**  
**Percent of Households with Electric Space Heating**  
**2000 - 2006**

	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Newfoundland Power	53.1	53.8	54.6	55.5	56.5	57.4	58.2
<b>Province<sup>1</sup></b>							
Newfoundland & Labrador	48.5	49.6	49.7	50.9	-	53.8	-
Prince Edward Island	F <sup>2</sup>	F	F	F	-	F	-
Nova Scotia	24.2	24.8	25.5	27.0	-	23.1	-
New Brunswick	58.3	56.1	56.0	59.5	-	57.1	-
Quebec	69.8	69.6	67.6	69.9	-	75.5	-
Ontario	18.2	17.9	15.4	17.3	-	17.1	-
Manitoba	31.9	31.8	35.5	32.8	-	36.1	-
Saskatchewan	5.3	4.0	4.2	3.8	-	4.9	-
Alberta	F	1.9	F	2.0	-	2.0	-
British Columbia	32.1	30.3	30.4	31.1	-	29.7	-
Canada	33.4	32.9	31.6	33.0	-	34.2	-

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15 Assuming furnace oil prices remain high and electricity continues to have an operating  
16 cost advantage over competing fuels, Newfoundland Power expects the percentage of  
17 households in its service area using electric space heating to continue to rise over the next  
18 5 years.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Statistics Canada, *Spending Patterns in Canada*, Catalogue 62-202. The 2004 report was not published. The 2006 report is schedule for release in the latter part of 2007.

<sup>2</sup> “F” indicates too unreliable to be published.