

- 1   **Q:**    (Liberty December 17, 2014 Report to Board on *Supply Issues and Power*  
2            *Outages Review Island Interconnected System* addressing Newfoundland and  
3            Labrador Hydro) It is stated (page 4): “*Hydro correctly seeks to make its*  
4            *generation available by December 1 of each year. The goal is to complete*  
5            *required maintenance and repairs by the time that each winter season begins*”.  
6            Have there been occasions in the Province when the system annual peak was  
7            established during the month of November? Is there a case to be made for  
8            moving winter readiness forward from December 1 to November 1, or  
9            perhaps, November 15? Why should Hydro not be aiming for an earlier winter  
10           readiness date than December 1?  
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- 13   **A.**    According to Hydro’s response to RFI PUB-NLH-011, Hydro has not experienced  
14           a system peak demand in November since at least 2004. Its peak demands have all  
15           occurred during the months December through March. We therefore do not  
16           recommend that Hydro be required to complete its winter preparedness by  
17           November 1. We do agree, however, that the sooner the bulk of the winter  
18           preparation work is completed the better. It would be prudent for Hydro to plan the  
19           completion of as much work as is feasible and economical before November, in  
20           order to ensure work is completed by December 1.