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1 Q: (Liberty December 17, 2014 Report to Board on Supply Issues and Power 2 Outages Review Island Interconnected System addressing Newfoundland Power Inc.) The report states with regard to SCADA and OMS (page 62): "The 3 4 Company is going in the right direction with the exception of ceding the short-5 term forecasting function to Hydro's Nostradamus system". Is Liberty 6 recommending that both Hydro and Newfoundland Power have short-term 7 load forecasting capability, and if so, why? 8 9 10

A. Liberty recommends that Newfoundland Power take ownership of its own short-term load forecasting, rather than depending on Hydro to provide this service. Liberty believes that the following benefits would accrue to Newfoundland Power by taking responsibility for producing its own short term (next day through 7 day) energy and load forecasts:

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> Newfoundland Power should gain better knowledge of and insights to its own system, its load characteristics, its customer behaviors and weather effects.

Newfoundland Power should, as a result, have better confidence in its own

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forecasts.
Changing the forecasting relationship should result in better communication between Newfoundland Power and Hydro.