

1 Q. Further to the response to PUB-NLH-019, is there a minimum available reserve that
2 triggers a decision by Hydro to issue a conservation request to customers? If yes,
3 state what it is. If no, why not?
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6 A. Hydro monitors the projected reserve using the seven-day load forecast and
7 projected capacity availability. Due to the range of variability in the seven-day load
8 forecasts, rather than having a minimum operating reserve (in terms of MW or
9 percentage of available generation capacity), Hydro assesses the likelihood of load
10 on the power system approaching the available capacity to determine when
11 conservation may provide a benefit. When Hydro determines this may occur, it
12 would initiate both an internal discussion and a discussion with Newfoundland
13 Power on the appropriate timing for a conservation request to be most effective to
14 avoid rotating outages but also balance matters noted in Hydro's response to PUB-
15 NLH-051.