Q. Further to PUB-NLH-109 what about those consumers of both Newfoundland Power and Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro who have been presented with voltage reductions, should their load reductions also be added back in to determine what the actual Island Peak Load would have been?

A. Whether or not data on load reductions due to voltage reductions should be added to the recorded peak to determine what the actual Island Peak Load would have been depends on the context in which the Island Peak Load number is to be used. In this case, the amount of Newfoundland Power's load reductions due to voltage reductions at time of peak should not be added to the recorded Island Peak to determine what the actual Island Peak would have been.

Newfoundland Power uses load reductions due to voltage reductions as a means to reduce its peak billing demand and thus it has a financial incentive to continue with these voltage reductions. Therefore, load reduction obtained is expected to be there at time of peak. As well, if Hydro were to add the load reductions due to voltage reductions to its recorded peak, it would also need to include the load reductions due to voltage reductions as part of the resources available to meet that peak. Currently, as Hydro does not include the load reductions due to voltage reductions as part of its resources, it should not add the load reductions due to voltage reductions to its recorded peak.