

1 **Q. Reference: Application**

2 Please provide Hydro's number of customers, customer energy consumption and energy
3 consumption per customer by customer class for 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, and the
4 forecasts for 2026 and each of the next 5 years, in total and by service area. Also, please provide
5 a table showing the same information on a monthly basis for the period July 2022 to July 2026.

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8 **A.** Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") has approximately 39,600 residential customers,
9 one Utility customer, six Island Industrial customers and two Labrador Industrial customers.
10 Hydro has included one project, Additions for Load Growth – Upgrade Fuel Storage (2027) –
11 Cartwright, within the System Growth classification in its 2027 Capital Budget Application. The
12 justification for the project is as follows:

13 "Hydro has completed an analysis that demonstrates the current diesel-
14 generating plant in Cartwright is in violation of its bulk fuel storage planning
15 criteria, which could jeopardize system reliability. Failure to complete the
16 proposed replacement could impact the availability of the Cartwright Diesel
17 Generating Station due to reduced plant fuel storage capacity. The existing fuel
18 storage tank will be replaced with one new double-walled, vacuum-sealed,
19 horizontal tank to align with Hydro's internal standards, with a capacity of
20 approximately 66,000 litres."¹

21 Detailed customer counts, customer energy consumption, energy consumption per customer,
22 service area breakdowns, and monthly consumption data are not relevant to the determination
23 of the proposed 2027 capital expenditures in this Application. Information regarding historical
24 and forecast energy requirements by the customer groupings referenced above is provided in
25 Schedules A-I, A-II and A-III of Hydro's 2026 General Rate Application. Hydro's opinion is that the
26 current and future energy consumption of individual customers by customer class is not
27 necessary for a satisfactory understanding of the matters to be considered in the 2027 Capital

¹ "2027 Capital Budget Application", Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, July 14, 2026, Vol. II, Projects and Programs under \$750,000.

1 Budget Application as required by the *Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities Regulations*,
2 1996.