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- Q. Also, the Applicant references at section 3.4, lines 13-14, two utilities that have used the results of their pilot projects to launch fulsome programs to manage EV charging load.
 - (a) Which two utilities is the Applicant referencing? And,
 - (b) What are the populations of these provinces and the utility customer population and how do these compare with this province?
- A. (a) The two utilities referenced are BC Hydro and Hydro-Québec. See Attachment B of the *EV Load Management Pilot Project* report provided with the Application.
 - (b) Information published by BC Hydro indicates it has approximately 2.2 million customers. Information published by Hydro-Québec indicates it has approximately 4.5 million customers. These customer bases are larger than that of Newfoundland Power.

According to Statistics Canada, the population of British Columbia is approximately 5.4 million and the population of Quebec is approximately 8.8 million.³ These provincial populations are larger than that of Newfoundland and Labrador.

See BC Hydro, bchydro.com, "BC Hydro Quick Facts," page 2, accessed June 2022.

² See Hydro-Québec, hydroquebec.com, "*Hydro Quebec, a Leader in Renewable Energy,*" accessed June 2022.

See Statistics Canada, "*Population estimates, quarterly*," Table: 17-10-0009-01, released March 22, 2023.