Section 4: Rate Base and Revenue Requirement/Rate Base and Rate of Return on Rate Base

- Q. Reference: "2025/2026 General Rate Application," Newfoundland Power Inc., December 12, 2023, vol. 1, Evidence, sec. 4.3.2, p. 4-4, Table 4-2 and sec. 4.3.5, p. 4-11, Table 4-11 and vol. 2, Reports, "Customer, Energy and Demand Forecast," app. B and app. C.
 - a) Please provide calculations supporting the Elasticity Impacts in Table 4-2 and Table 4-11. In the calculations, incorporate and refer to the total changes to Energy Sales, Purchases, and Demand described in Appendix B and C of the "Customer, Energy and Demand Forecast" report. Please explain how Newfoundland Power determined the contribution impact of each gigawatt-hour adjusted.
 - b) Please provide calculations detailing how the proposed 5.5% price increase is used to determine the energy adjustments used to convert the existing GWh sales, purchases and demand forecast into the proposed GWh sales, purchases and demand forecast in Appendix B and C of the "Customer, Energy and Demand Forecast" report.

A. a) Table 1 provides the calculation of the elasticity impacts associated with power supply costs shown in Table 4-2.

Table 1: Elasticity Impacts on Power Supply Costs (\$000s)

		2025F	2026F
Lower energy purchases (GWh)	A	(17.0)	(50.4)
Wholesale second block charge (¢/kWh) ¹	В	18.165	18.165
Elasticity Impact	$C = (A \times B)$	(3,088)	(9,391)

The elasticity impacts were determined by applying the wholesale second block charge of $18.165 \, \epsilon/\text{kWh}$ to the energy purchases impacted by price elasticity.

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¹ 2026 includes a billing demand impact of \$0.2 million.

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Table 2 provides the calculation of the elasticity impacts associated with revenue from rates shown in Table 4-11.

Table 2: Elasticity Impacts on Revenue from Rates

	GWh A	Rate ² (¢/kWh) B	Revenue (\$000s) C = A x B	Discount (1.5%)	Forfeited Discount (\$000s) E	Total
2025F						
Domestic	13.5	11.927	1,610	24	8	1,594
General Service 2.1 <10 kW	0.5	11.789	59	1	-	58
General Service 2.1 >10 kW	<u>2.2</u>	8.857	<u>195</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>193</u>
	16.2		1,864	28	8	1,845
2026F						
Domestic	45.1	11.927	5,379	81	22	5,320
General Service 2.1 <10 kW	0.4	11.789	47	1	-	46
General Service 2.1 >10 kW	<u>2.5</u>	8.857	<u>221</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>219</u>
	48.0		5,647	85	23	5,585

The elasticity impacts were determined by applying the base customer rates to the electricity sales impacted by price elasticity.

For further information on the impact of price elasticity on Newfoundland Power's electricity sales and revenue requirements, see the responses to Requests for Information PUB-NP-102 and PUB-NP-103.

b) Table 3 provides the calculation supporting the energy adjustments due to the price elasticity associated with the proposed 5.5% rate increase.

Table 3: Elasticity Impacts of 5.5% Proposed Rate Increase (GWh)

Year	Energy Sales	Elasticity	Elasticity	
	Existing	Factor	Impact	
2025F	6,034.1	1.07%	16.2	
2026F	6,026.3	1.07%	48.0	

Price elasticity has a partial effect in the 12-month period following the rate increase and the full effect after that. Since the 5.5% rate increase is proposed for July 1, 2025

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² Reflecting base customer rates proposed in the 2024 Rate of Return on Rate Base Application.

there is a partial effect is from July 2025 to June 2026 and the full effect from July 1 2 2026 onward.³ 3 For information of price elasticity on peak demand, see the response to Request for 4 5 Information NLH-NP-083.

For the July 1, 2025 rate increase, the elasticity effect in 2025 is approximately one quarter. For 2026, the effect is approximately three quarters.