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Q. Volume 1, Section 2, page 2-34, lines 9-11 and Additional Information, PUB Information Request (ii), Schedule B, Attachment 5, page 1 of 1. Newfoundland Power states that Operating labour costs are an indicator of efficiency in its day-to-day operations. Operating labour has increased by \$3.29 million (8.5%) in the 2025 Forecast as compared to the 2023 test year, and an additional increase of \$1.08 million between the 2025 Forecast and the 2026 Forecast. Please explain how efficiency is demonstrated in labour costs given this increase.

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11 A. For a comprehensive discussion on how efficiency is demonstrated in the Company's operating labour costs, see the response to Request for Information PUB-NP-017.