

1 Q. What planning is Hydro doing that requires a 20-year forecast as stated in  
2 Mr. Budgell's Prefiled Testimony, page 3, lines 4 to 10?

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5 A. Hydro uses a 20-year forecast as input into its long term generation planning  
6 studies. These analyses are used to produce a number of potential long  
7 term plans, with the focus being to determine the longer term impacts of  
8 probable future events on the more immediate resource decisions.

9 Hydro also requires long term forecasts for carrying out financial analysis.