

1 Q. Hydro is forecasting strong growth in demand for the next two years, yet  
2 demand growth has been relatively flat since Hydro's last filing. What are the  
3 drivers behind the higher demand forecast for the next two years and how  
4 has "judgment" impacted on the forecast?

5

6

7 A. The significant drivers behind Hydro's Interconnected Island higher demand  
8 forecast in 2001 and 2002 include increased sales to Newfoundland Power  
9 attributed to a return-to-normal weather assumption (relative to recent years  
10 of below normal heating degree days) coupled with modest growth  
11 expectations. As well, increased sales to Corner Brook Pulp and Paper  
12 Limited are associated with an increase in Power-On-Order as anticipated by  
13 the customer (see NP-158).

14

15 The impact of "judgment" on the operating load forecasts has been to slightly  
16 lower industrial energy sales requirements relative to the customers'  
17 corporate forecasts.