

1 Q. Explain the role, if any, that the generating facilities owned by Abitibi  
2 Consolidated and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper play in Hydro's planning for  
3 provision of power on the island grid in cases where Hydro's generation is  
4 out of service and how such generating facilities affect the security of the  
5 island grid generally.

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7 A. In its planning for the provision of power on the island grid, Hydro considers  
8 its own generation and that of its customers as resources available to meet  
9 the load of the total island interconnected system. For long term planning, in  
10 any given period there is the probability that any unit, or combination of units  
11 (either Hydro's and/or its customers), may be unavailable due to planned or  
12 unplanned outages. It is this probabilistic analysis over all hours of the year  
13 that forms the basis for the reliability assessment of the total island  
14 interconnected system. With respect to the hydroelectric units owned by  
15 Abitibi Consolidated and Corner Brook Pulp and Paper, while there are times  
16 when Hydro may be able to utilize additional available capacity, these units  
17 are not under the direct control of Hydro and are operated for the benefit of  
18 their respective operations rather than the interconnected system. As such  
19 their contribution to the overall reliability of the system is not as great as a  
20 similar, fully dispatchable resource such as Bay D'Espoir.