

1 Q. Outline the assumptions on provincial economic activity and relative energy  
 2 prices used in formulating the Long Term Planning Load Forecast, including  
 3 inflation, exchange rates, and borrowing costs for different short and long  
 4 term debt.

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6 A. The assumptions on Provincial economic activity are as per summary of Key  
 7 Economic Indicators summary presented in response to IC – 82(Rev). The  
 8 exchange rate and short and long term borrowing costs do not factor  
 9 explicitly into the Long Term Planning Load Forecast (PLF) and are not  
 10 inputs. The response to IC – 190 provides medium term exchange rate  
 11 assumptions utilized in the formulation of the rate referral. The key relative  
 12 price consideration for the Long Term Planning Load Forecast is for home  
 13 heating fuel oil for the space heating market. The average domestic prices  
 14 for home heating fuel oil and electricity used in the 2001 PLF:

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<b>Relative Energy Prices<sup>1</sup> in 2001 PLF</b>		
	Fuel Oil (\$/GJ)	Electricity (\$/GJ)
2000 A	18.35	21.85
2001	15.75	21.85
2002	14.60	23.55
2003	14.40	23.25
2004	14.05	22.90
2005	13.85	22.50
2006	13.75	22.15
2007	13.65	21.90
2008	13.65	22.25
2009	13.60	23.20
2010	13.60	23.10
1. 2000\$ for marginal price to a user (rounded to nearest \$0.05).		

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